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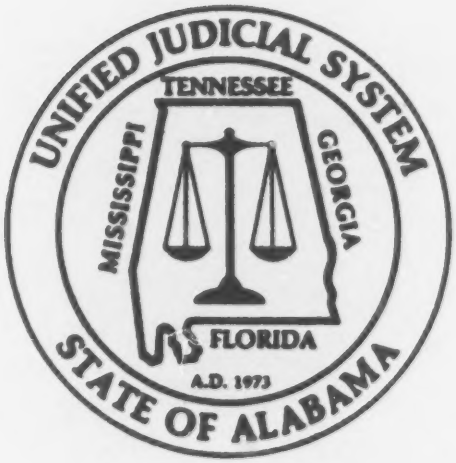

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Sonny Hornsby, Chief Justice
Supreme Court of Alabama

The Honorable Sonny Hornsby
Chief Justice
Supreme Court of Alabama

Dear Chief Justice Hornsby:

In accordance with Section 12-5-10, **Code of Alabama** 1975, I am pleased to present the Annual Report for the Alabama Judicial System for the Fiscal Year 1989, which includes the period from October 1, 1988, through September 30, 1989.

During this fiscal year, the Alabama Judicial System experienced many changes in the ranks of officials. Your investiture as the 26th Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama was a most significant event. In addition, one associate justice, two judges on the Court of Civil Appeals, 16 circuit judges, 19 district judges, and 19 circuit clerks assumed office.

Under your leadership, we launched many new projects to improve the delivery of judicial services and have evaluated many long-standing operations to help ensure program effectiveness and improve our administrative capabilities. Increased case filings along with additional requirements resulting from federal and state legislation have dramatically impacted the workload of the courts.

Statistical information on the processing of cases in circuit and district courts is provided as an appendix to this report.

I sincerely hope the information provided herein will be of interest to the citizens of Alabama and to the officials and others who are directly involved in the operation of the judicial branch of government.

Sincerely,

Allen L. Tapley
Administrative Director of Courts

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Administrative Director of Courts

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Sonny Hornsby Becomes Alabama's 26th Chief Justice

On January 16, 1989, Sonny Hornsby became Alabama's 26th chief justice.

Before assuming the bench, Chief Justice Hornsby, a native of Tallassee, practiced law for 28 years. He was president of the State Bar, the Elmore County Bar, and the Alabama Trial Lawyers. He served as a state senator, assistant commissioner of insurance, and as city judge and city attorney for Tallassee. Chief Justice Hornsby succeeded C.C. Torbert, Jr., as chief justice.

The oath of office was administered by retired Chief Justice C.C. Torbert, Jr.; United States Senator and former Chief Justice Howell Heflin delivered remarks on behalf of Chief Justice Hornsby.

Sonny Hornsby takes oath as Chief Justice (l-r) Hornsby, Mrs. Hornsby, C.C. Torbert, Jr.

As expressed in his investiture remarks, Chief Justice Hornsby's major concerns include reducing prison overcrowding through the design and implementation of a first-class juvenile justice system in Alabama; expediting trial and appellate court matters; providing prompt and efficient enforcement of child support orders; ensuring efficient management of the collection and enforcement of criminal restitution orders; and providing delivery of cost-effective, quality judicial services to the litigants and citizens of Alabama.

Chief Justice Hornsby is married to the former Judy O'Daniel of Tallassee. They have three children: Ernest Clayton Hornsby, Jr., Emily Elon Hornsby, and Allison Joan Hornsby.

New Presiding Judges for Appeals Courts

Judge Sam Taylor became the presiding judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals on November 16, 1988. He served as a district and circuit judge in Montgomery before joining the appellate court in 1983.

On April 16, 1989, Judge Kenneth Ingram became presiding judge of the Court of Civil Appeals. He is the senior member of that court, serving since 1987. Judge Ingram served as a circuit judge in the 18th Judicial Circuit for 18 years. He replaced Judge Richard Holmes, who retired. Judge Holmes served as presiding judge from January until his retirement.

1989 Brings Changes

On January 16, 1989, Mark Kennedy, former district and circuit judge in Montgomery, joined the Supreme Court of Alabama as an associate justice. He succeeds Associate Justice Sam Beatty, who retired. Judge Bill Robertson was elected to the Court of Civil Appeals, succeeding retiring Judge Robert Bradley.

Former Chief Justice C.C. Torbert, Jr., administered the oath of office to Judge Robertson, and District Judge Joel Holley of Chambers County spoke on his behalf.

The oath to Judge Kennedy was administered by Montgomery Circuit Judge Charles Price. Remarks on behalf of Judge Kennedy were made by Naomi Griffith of Decatur, executive director of Parents and Children Together.

Robert J. Russell was appointed to the Court of Civil Appeals on April 16, 1989, by Governor Guy Hunt. He filled the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Richard Holmes.

New Terms Begin

Associate justices of the Supreme Court Hugh Maddox, Oscar Adams, Jr., and Henry B. Steagall, II, along with Judge William Bowen, Jr., of the Court of Criminal Appeals began new six-year terms.

Hornsby Appoints Juvenile Justice Commission

In February 1989, Chief Justice Sonny Hornsby, who serves as chairman of the Alabama Judicial Study Commission, appointed a 61-member Commission on the Future of the Alabama Juvenile Justice System. The Commission included representation from the three branches of state government, local and state agencies composing the juvenile justice system, the news media, the business community, academia, and the general public. Allen L. Tapley, who has served as state Administrative Director of Courts since 1977 and who chaired the Prison Review Task Force, was appointed to chair the Commission. Montgomery County Family Court Judge John W. Davis and Macon County Juvenile Court Judge Aubrey Ford, Jr., were named vice-chairmen.

The Commission was charged to review the problems and issues associated with the juvenile justice system in Alabama, to receive public testimony, and to formulate recommendations on programs and actions necessary to further the effective and efficient operations of the state's juvenile justice system, to ensure the protection of children, and to assist the young people of Alabama in becoming productive, contributing members of society.

To assist the Commission in its work, three task forces were appointed to examine specific areas of the juvenile justice system: a Task Force on Structure, Jurisdiction, and Administration, chaired by Clarke County Juvenile Court Judge Harold L. Crow; a Task Force on Delinquency and CHINS, chaired by Cherokee County Juvenile Court Judge John D. Coggin; and a Task Force on Dependency, chaired by Shelby County Juvenile Court Judge Patricia M. Smith.

The Commission on the Future of the Alabama Juvenile Justice System and its task forces have conducted an extensive review of the state's juvenile justice system and children's issues. A concerted effort was made to involve all components of the juvenile justice system in this review. In addition, hearings were held to allow members of the general public as well as representatives of other agencies, units of governments, and organizations to present their concerns and suggestions.

Juvenile Justice Leadership Team (l-r): Judge Harold Crow, Judge Aubrey Ford, Chief Justice Hornsby, Allen Tapley, Judge John Davis, and Judge John Coggin. (Not pictured- Judge Patricia Smith)

The Commission's report setting forth 120 recommendations for improvement and including a listing of priorities and suggested time frames for implementation was adopted in September 1989. The report will be submitted to the Alabama Judicial Study Commission during the next fiscal year. Priority recommendations include:

- Improved educational intervention/prevention services, including establishment of children-at-risk programs, expansion of the mandatory school attendance age, creation of alternative school programs, and development of truancy prevention programs.
- Improved services and programs for abused and neglected children, including improved social service worker support, establishment of a multiple needs adjudication, enhancement of foster care services, and expansion of family intervention programs.
- Improved services and programs for delinquent children, including the development of regional detention centers and establishment of a serious juvenile offender adjudication.
- Establishment of a state system of juvenile probation services.
- Implementation of recommendations not requiring additional appropriations.

Chief Justice Appoints Indigent Defense Task Force

In July 1989, Chief Justice Sonny Hornsby appointed the Task Force on Indigent Defense Services to serve under the auspices of the Alabama Judicial Study Commission. The Task Force was charged with reviewing the plans and recommendations prepared in 1988 by Mr. Robert L. Spangenberg, a nationally recognized authority on indigent defense services, and with submitting a report to the Alabama Judicial Study Commission. With the assistance of the American Bar Association's Bar Information Program, Mr. Spangenberg provided additional technical assistance to the Task Force. Robert L. Hodges, Circuit Judge, 38th Judicial Circuit, was appointed to chair the Task Force. The 21-member task force was composed of representatives from the judiciary, Alabama State Bar, Alabama Clerks and Registers Association, Department of Corrections, State Comptroller's Office, and the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

The Task Force addressed two fundamental problems facing Alabama indigent defense services - the structure and administration of indigent defense services and funding for the indigent defense program. Dennis N. Balske, chairman of the State Bar Indigent Defense Committee, chaired a subcommittee on structure and administration. Robert L. Childree, State Comptroller, chaired a subcommittee on revenues.

It was the finding of the Task Force that the current state system for providing indigent defense services is not working effectively, and it was recommended that a new system be established. The new system would include a state indigent defense commission, which would be charged with coordinating indigent defense actions throughout the state, and local advisory indigent defense boards organized in each judicial circuit, which would have the authority to develop indigent defense systems to meet the needs of individual circuits. The Task Force also recommended a restructuring of the attorney fee structure to parallel that of the federal courts.

The Task Force estimated the cost of the new indigent defense system at $14.5 million per year. This is approximately $8.5 million above the current costs. The additional costs include approximately $500,000 for the initial operating budget of the state indigent defense commission and increases generated by the proposed restructuring of the attorney fee schedule. The Task Force report will be submitted to the Alabama Judicial Study Commission in FY 1990.

Court Manuals Revised

Child Support Enforcement - Changes in child support laws and new rules adopted by the Supreme Court of Alabama necessitated the update of the Child Support Enforcement Handbook. Juvenile and family court judges, clerks, and registers received updated material in October 1988.

Sentencing Manual - The District and Circuit Judges' Sentencing Manual has been revised by the Legal Division to include legislation passed during the 1988 Regular Session. These revised materials were distributed in October 1988.

Clerks and Registers Manual - The 1989 Revised Edition to the Clerks and Registers Manual was developed by the Legal Division of the Aministrative Office of Courts as a reference aid for clerks, registers, and their employees. The revised manual contains laws and legal procedures in summary form for ready reference. The revised manual was distributed in June 1989.

Standardized Court Forms Manual - The judicial system's standardized court forms were reviewed by the Judicial Forms Analysis and Review Committee. All approved forms were included in a new Court Forms Manual. Accompanying each form in this manual is an information sheet giving the form's jurisdiction; authority for use; general information;

service; and court cost information. The new manual was distributed in September 1989.

Indictment and Warrant Manual - The revised edition of this manual was printed and distributed to court officials by the Administrative Office of Courts in September 1989. The update to this manual was prepared by the Alabama Law Institute and the Office of Prosecution Services with the help of judges, district attorneys, and private attorneys.

Child Support Guidelines Revised

In response to requirements of the Family Support Act of 1988, the Alabama Supreme Court adopted revisions to Rule 32, Alabama Rules of Judicial Administration, which established child support guidelines as a rebuttable presumption. The revised rule will become effective October 13, 1989, and will apply to all actions to establish or modify child support orders.

The revisions to Rule 32, ARJA, were recommended by the Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on Child Support Guidelines and the Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on Child Support Enforcement. Both advisory committees are chaired by Presiding Circuit Judge Clatus K. Junkin, 24th Judicial Circuit.

The Administrative Office of Courts and the Department of Human Resources' Child Support Office sponsored regional educational programs on applications of the revised child support guidelines for judges, court officials, DHR attorneys, and staff, and private attorneys. Regional educational sessions were held in Mobile, Montgomery, Tuscaloosa, and Huntsville during September 1989.

Court-School Truancy Pilot Programs

Chief Justice Sonny Hornsby and State Superintendent of Education Wayne Teague announced a statewide court-school initiative to improve enforcement of the state's compulsory school attendance laws.

The State Department of Education and Administrative Office of Courts are encouraging the establishment of programs to implement the truancy prevention policies and procedures set forth by the Judicial Study Commission's Task Force on Truancy in 1987. Nine pilot programs are now operating under the leadership of court officials and education leaders in Chambers, Cherokee, DeKalb, Jefferson, Lauderdale, Limestone, Marengo, Mobile, and Randolph counties.

To further promote the truancy prevention program, the State Department of Education has produced public service announcements which detail the state's school attendance laws and stress the importance of regular school attendance. These public service announcements have been distributed to the news media across the state.

A video tape program on the operation of the Bessemer Juvenile Court's Early Warning Program has also been developed and is available to courts or school systems which may be interested in developing similar truancy prevention programs.

Interagency Conference on Youth

Approximately 350 judges, juvenile probation officers, social workers, mental health officials, and educators attended the fourth annual Interagency Conference on Youth which was held in Montgomery during September 1989. The highlight of this year's Interagency Conference was the presentation of the report of the Commission on the Future of the Alabama Juvenile Justice System. Other presentations included workshops on children-at-risk programs; innovative approaches to interagency cooperation; building constituencies for children; drug-related child abuse and neglect; residential placement of children with AIDS; early delinquency intervention; community-based parenting programs; therapeutic alternatives to residential placement; and teenage pregnancy.

Legislative Conference on Correctional Issues

In January 1989, representatives of the Alabama judiciary, the Board of Pardons and Paroles, and the Department of Corrections met with approximately 25 members of the Alabama House and Senate to discuss correctional issues facing the state. Sponsored by the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation, the conference was designed to acquaint legislators with critical issues and problems facing the state concerning corrections and with actions which have been tried in other states to remedy these problems. In addition to this conference, the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation is funding the following projects:

- An assessment of the true cost of incarceration in Alabama by the Minnesota Citizens Council.
- An assessment of the Alabama inmate population and alternatives to incarceration and program recommendations by the National Center on Institutions and Alternatives.
- Analysis of Alabama corrections population by the National Institute for Sentencing Alternatives.
- Development of a risk assessment instrument for the Board of Pardons and Paroles by Rutgers University.
- Judicial seminar on sentencing practices by Professor Dan Freed of Yale University.
- A public opinion survey on correctional issues undertaken by the Public Agenda Foundation with the assistance of the Capstone Polls.
- Media contests through the University of Alabama's Communications Department providing cash prizes for articles on corrections problems and solutions.

Judges Invited to Participate in Yale Law School Program

Six circuit judges from Alabama were invited to participate in the Yale Law School's Criminal Sentencing Program during FY 1989. Those participating were Presiding Judge Randall L. Cole, 9th Judicial Circuit; Presiding Judge Leslie G. Johnson, 11th Judicial Circuit; Presiding Judge Braxton Kittrell, 13th Judicial Circuit; Presiding Judge Claud D. Neilson, 17th Judicial Circuit; Judge Joseph D. Phelps, 15th Judicial Circuit; and Judge Daniel J. Reynolds, 10th Judicial Circuit.

This course was designed by Yale law professor Daniel Freed to explore incarceration alternatives. The Criminal Sentencing Program was funded through a grant from the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation.

As a follow-up to this successful course, the Clark Foundation will fund a program exploring sentencing alternatives in the jurisdictions of the judges who participated in the program.

Retired Judges Continue to Hear State Employee Appeals

Seven retired judges continued to assist the Alabama State Personnel Board by serving as hearing officers during FY 1989. Retired judges Ingram Beasley, Walter G. Bridges, William I. Byrd, B. M. Miller Childers, Robert E. Hodnette, Thomas E. Huey, Jr., and Newton B. Powell heard a total of 23 state employee appeals this fiscal year.

These retired judges serve without additional compensation, receiving only standard state per diem for travel. Their service not only generates substantial savings for the personnel board and the state in general, but assures speedy hearings of appeals and reduces the potential liability by the state for back pay.

Progress on New Judicial Building

Progress continues on the construction of a new judicial building to house the Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Court of Civil Appeals, the Supreme Court Library, and the Administrative Office of Courts.

The legislature authorized construction in April 1986, with the enactment of Act 86-420 creating the Judicial Building Authority and authorizing issuance of a maximum of $40 million in bonds. Preparations are underway for issuance of the bonds

During this fiscal year, the architectural firm of Barganier-McKee-Sims, Montgomery, and the engineering firm Gresham-Smith, Birmingham, were selected to design the new building. Negotiations to purchase the site have been completed with the exception of four parcels of land. The building will be located on Dexter Avenue in downtown Montgomery.

Juvenile Commitment Procedures

Through grant funds made available to the Department of Youth Services (DYS) by the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation, a committee of circuit and district judges has been established to study and develop uniform procedures for the commitment of juveniles to DYS. The committee is chaired by Chambers County District Judge Joel Holley. The committee members are: circuit judges Richard Dorrough, 15th Judicial Circuit, and Jack Hughes, 7th Judicial Circuit; and district judges Sue Bell, Conecuh County; David Bibb, Morgan County; John Dobson, Blount County; Ralph Grider, Jackson County; Richard Lane, Lee County; Hartwell B. Lutz, Madison County; Randel Mullican, Lawrence County; and Richard L. Osborne, Greene County. The committee's recommendations will be finalized in FY 1990.

Judicial Education Certificates Awarded

The Judiciary Certificate Program was introduced in January 1984 to acknowledge Alabama's judges for participating in judicial education programs and serving as faculty members. At that time, the Alabama Judicial College adopted a standard of 100 hours credit to be completed in a four-year period.

As the certificate program matured, the Alabama Judicial College, under the advisement of the Circuit and District Judges Education Committees, adopted a 200-hour program. In this program, as in the first 100 hours, all credit must be earned within a four-year period. Chief Justice Sonny Hornsby presented the education certificates.

Judicial Education Certificate Recipients

200-hour Certificates:

William W. Cardwell
Judge, 16th Judicial Circuit

John D. Coggin
District Judge, Cherokee County

Joseph A. Colquitt
Presiding Judge, 6th Judicial Circuit

Leslie G. Johnson
Presiding Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit

Charles Wayne Owen
District Judge, Etowah County

100-Hour Certificates:

John H. Alsbrook
District Judge, Jefferson County

David H. Bibb
District Judge, Morgan County

Walter Bridges
Retired Judge, 10th Judicial Circuit

Ralph D. Cook
Judge, 10th Judicial Circuit

Richard H. Dorrough
Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit

Ralph H. Grider
District Judge, Jackson County

Joe Gilliland
Retired District Judge,
Franklin County

William G. Hightower
District Judge, Pike County

Albert L. Johnson
District Judge, Russell County

Richard D. Lane
District Judge, Lee County

Hartwell B. Lutz
District Judge, Madison County

Telfair Mashburn
Retired Judge, 28th Judicial Circuit

Claud D. Neilson
Presiding Judge, 17th Judicial Circuit

Carl Nesmith
Retired Judge, 30th Judicial Circuit

Jack C. Riley
Presiding Judge, 32nd Judicial Circuit

D. L. Rosenau
Retired District Judge,
Limestone County

Philip Dale Segrest
Judge, 5th Judicial Circuit

Patricia M. Smith
District Judge, Shelby County

Donald W. Stewart
Judge, 16th Judicial Circuit

Thomas P. Stowe
District Judge, Elmore County

Wayne Thorn
Judge, 10th Judicial Circuit

Gerald S. Topazi
District Judge, Jefferson County

James E. Wilson
Judge, 14th Judicial Circuit

Thomas B. Woodard, IV
District Judge, Pickens County

Torbert Receives NCSC Award

Former Chief Justice C. C. Torbert, Jr., was presented the National Center for State Courts' Distinguished Service Award in a ceremony at the Judicial Building in July 1989.

With Chief Justice Sonny Hornsby presiding, Virginia Chief Justice Harry L. Carrico, president-elect of the Conference of Chief Justices, and Edward B. McConnell, president of the National Center for State Courts, were on hand to present the award.

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to members of the judiciary whose contributions have helped improve the quality of justice in state courts.

State Justice Institute Assists With Alcohol and Drug Abuse Cases

The State Justice Institute awarded a continuation grant to the Administrative Office of Courts to further expand the Court Referral Officer (CRO) program to provide services to the circuit and juvenile courts.

CROs will be used by judges to evaluate, place, and monitor defendants suspected of having alcohol and/or drug abuse problems. With this supplemental grant, CROs will service all courts in their area to reduce current caseloads related to substance abuse. In addition to expanding the focus of the CRO program, the Administrative Office will continue working with the El Cajon, California, project.

Retired Judge Appointed to Judicial Personnel Appeals Board

The Honorable Jerry M. White, Retired Circuit Judge from Dothan, was appointed to the Judicial Personnel Appeals Board for a three-year term effective October 1988. Judge White was presiding circuit judge for the 20th Judicial Circuit when he retired from active service in 1987. He replaced Retired Circuit Judge Thomas E. Huey of Birmingham.

Alabama Courts Selected as National Pilot Sites

The Edna McConnell Clark Foundation selected the Montgomery Family Court and the Jefferson County Family Court as sites to establish model courts for family preservation services. Presiding family court judges John Davis, Montgomery, and Sandra Ross, Birmingham, along with Department of Human Resources officials, assumed leadership roles in seeking the grant.

The purpose of the project is to exert all reasonable efforts to preserve the family unit. Training will be provided for local task force members on general principles and techniques of family preservation, for support groups which can assist the project, and for specific professional groups on their roles in making family preservation work.

Fair Trial Tax Fund Runs Deficit

The Fair Trial Tax Fund ended FY 1989 with an operating deficit of $1,157,163. To maintain the solvency of the fund, $1 million was transferred from the state General Fund, leaving a final "paper" deficit of $157,163.

During this fiscal year, fair trial tax fund revenues, excluding the general fund transfers, increased 6 percent from $5,568,411 to $5,902,379. Disbursements increased by 18.7 percent from $5,949,327 to $7,059,543. This increase in disbursements is the result of increased case filings. During FY 1989, circuit criminal filings increased by 7,301 cases or 21.4 percent; district criminal filings increased by 12,104 cases or 10 percent. Thirteen judicial circuits reported fair trial tax revenues in excess of expenditures. The largest surplus, $90,936, was reported by the 23rd Judicial Circuit, Madison County.

Of the total fair trial tax fund revenues generated in FY 1989, $315,109 was collected through the court-appointed attorney fee recoupment program. FY 1989 recoupment collections increased by 14.7 percent from FY 1988 collections of $274,682. By law, the courts are provided the authority to require convicted defendants to reimburse the state for court-appointed attorneys' fees when defendants are financially able.

ALABAMA FAIR TRIAL TAX FUND
Revenues, Disbursements, and Surpluses/(Deficits)
FY 1985-1989

	FY 1985	FY 1986	FY 1987	FY 1988	FY 1989
Revenues	$4,406,369	$5,612,956*	$5,969,065	$5,968,411**	$6,902,379***
Disbursements	$4,854,391	$5,662,459	$6,054,432	$5,949,327	$7,059,543
Surplus/(Deficit)	($448,022)	($49,503)	($85,367)	$19,084	($157,163)

*Includes $485,000 transferred from the General Fund to maintain solvency of the Fair Trial Tax Fund.
**Includes $400,000 transferred from the General Fund to maintain solvency of the Fair Trial Tax Fund.
***Includes $1,000,000 transferred from the General Fund to maintain solvency of the Fair Trial Tax Fund.

Jury Trials and Juror Expenses

The one-step juror summoning system, combining the summoning and the qualifying process, has resulted in significant cost reductions in juror summoning since its inception in 1982. Two additional counties, Chilton and Coosa, implemented the one-step juror summoning process in FY 1989, bringing the total number of counties utilizing the alternative juror selection and qualification process to 59. A total of 126,000 juror summons was issued by the Administrative Office of Courts during FY 1989.

The Administrative Office of Courts also electronically generates juror qualification forms for courts utilizing the two-step qualification/summoning process. During this fiscal year, 5,100 electronically generated juror qualification forms were prepared for two counties utilizing the two-step system.

A total of 3,572 jury trials was held in Alabama during this fiscal year. Of these, 1,988 were criminal trials and 1,295 were civil trials. In 289 trials, settlements were reached after the formation of the jury and no verdict was rendered.

Jurors receive $10 a day for each day of service and a mileage allowance of $0.05 per mile. In 1989 the average cost per jury trial was $574, an increase of $27. The 25th Judicial Circuit, Marion and Winston counties, reported the lowest cost per jury trial of $234.

Jury commissioners are appointed by the governor and are responsible for the development of the county's master juror list. The master list must be reviewed and corrected once every four years. Jury commissioners are also responsible for the preparation of the master juror box which must be emptied and refilled during every even-numbered year. They are paid $10 for each day they are actually engaged in the discharge of their duties. Legislation enacted in 1983 requires the presiding circuit judge to issue a written order authorizing the commission to meet.

Jury commission expenses totaled $6,618 in FY 1989, an increase of $1,005 from the previous year. Since 1984, jury commission expenses have decreased $94,960. The one-step juror summoning and qualification process has contributed greatly to this decrease.

Juror sequestration expenses for FY 1989 totaled $149,904, an increase of $29,882. Juror sequestration costs have increased $70,968 or 89.9 percent since FY 1984.

JURY TRIALS AND JUROR EXPENSES
FY 1984 - FY 1989

Fiscal Year	Jury Trials	Cost Per Trial	Jury Commission Expenses	Juror Sequestration Expenses
1984	2,950	$531	$101,078	$ 78,936
1985	3,310	568	18,768	83,427
1986	3,338	535	17,134	85,784
1987	3,458	553	15,855	107,976
1988	3,348	547	5,613	120,022
1989	3,572	574	6,618	149,904
Change: 1988-1989	224 6.7%	$ 27 4.9%	$1,005 17.9%	$ 29,882 24.9%
Change: 1984-1989	622 21.1%	$43 8.1%	-$94,960 -93.5%	$ 70,968 89.9%

JUDICIAL FINANCES

The Alabama courts are funded by state General Fund appropriations and grants for special programs. In FY 1989, the state General Fund appropriations to the judicial branch totaled $72.4 million, which includes $7.7 million for the operation of the appellate courts and $64.7 million for the operation of the trial courts and the Administrative Office of Courts. Also, $350,000 was appropriated to reimburse counties for the social security match on local county salary supplements.

In addition, grants totaling $223,038 were received from private foundations to administer the Alabama Model Courts, the Sentencing Institute II, Law Education, and the Victims Assistance Workshop and from the State Justice Institute for development of an automated juvenile system and the expansion of the court referral officer program.

APPROPRIATIONS AND GRANTS
Fiscal Year 1989

Supreme Court	$ 4,686,145
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,825,053
Court of Civil Appeals	1,220,723
Trial Courts and Administrative Office of Courts	64,762,535
Other/Grants	573,038
Total	$ 73,067,494

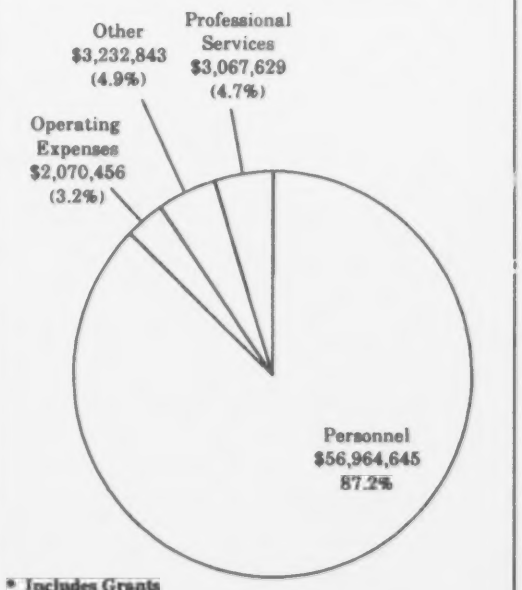
Expenditures for the Unified Judicial System, exclusive of the appellate courts, totaled $65.3 million, an increase of $3.9 million or 9.9 percent, from the previous year. This increase can be attributed to salary adjustments for some court officials and significantly higher employee medical insurance premiums which increased the personnel expenses by $6.1 million, or 12 percent.

JUDICIAL EXPENSES *
Exclusive of the Appellate Courts
Fiscal Year 1989

Personnel and Employee Benefits	$56,964,645
Professional Services Including Juror and Witness Costs	3,067,629
Operating Expenses and Supplies	2,070,456
Other Costs:	
Equipment Purchase	404,380
Rentals and Leases	806,085
Utilities and Communications	1,064,587
Repair and Maintenance	335,866
Travel: In--State	493,186
Out-of-State	46,718
Transportation Equipment Operations	17,013
Other	65,008
Total Expenses for FY 1989 As of September 30, 1989	$65,335,573

* Includes Grants

JUDICIAL EXPENSES *
Exclusive of the Appellate Courts
($ 65,335,573)
Fiscal Year 1989



* Includes Grants

The Alabama Judicial System generates revenues from filing fees, fines, and forfeitures. In FY 1989, the courts reported revenues totaling $43.6 million, an increase of $1.8 million from FY 1988. This increase can be attributed to a statewide increase in case filings.

Revenues collected through the trial courts are distributed in accordance with state statutes. In FY 1989, 77.8 percent of the total revenues reported, or $33.9 million, was transmitted to the State Comptroller. Of this amount, $29.6 million was earmarked for the state's General Fund.

DISTRIBUTION OF REPORTED REVENUE
Fiscal Year 1989

State Revenues:	
General Fund Revenues	
Filing Fees	$17,893,033
Fines and Forfeitures	10,944,620
Administrative Fees	426,843
Commissions on Sales	100,816
Other Revenue	215,206
Total to General Fund	$29,580,518
Other State Revenues:	
Drivers Education Fund	429,176
Fair Trial Tax - Docket Fees	3,589,087
Fair Trial Tax - Recoupment	330,809
Total Other State Revenues	4,349,072
Total to State Comptroller	$33,929,590
Other Revenues:	
County General Fund	$ 4,435,437
District Attorneys Fund	1,117,743
District Attorneys Worthless Check Fund	358,428
Public Law Library Fund	1,024,373
Police Officers Annuity	514,014
Police Officers Standards and Training	321,273
Crime Victim Compensation Fund	1,285,046
Department of Conservation Fund	638,938
Total Other Revenues	$ 9,695,252
Total Reported Revenues	$43,624,842

State of the Judiciary

By Joint Resolution, the Alabama Legislature invited Chief Justice Sonny Hornsby to address a joint session to deliver a State of the Alabama Judiciary address on April 20, 1989. The following is the address delivered by Chief Justice Hornsby.

Governor Hunt, Lt. Governor Folsom, Speaker Clark, members of the legislature, justices and judges of the appellate and trial courts of Alabama, distinguished guests and visitors, I thank the legislative branch of state government for your kind invitation to me to address you on the state of the Alabama judiciary.

As a former member of the Alabama legislature and one who is familiar with the difficulties and tribulations of balancing revenues and expenditures, I congratulate you on the passage of the budgets so early in the session. I also want to commend and compliment you on the raising of almost $100,000,000 in desperately needed new revenue last year. That took courage, dedication, and professionalism.

I also want to thank you for the manner in which you have adequately and reasonably funded the third branch of state government in years past. We are extremely proud of the advances that have been made in our judicial system. I am pleased to report to you today that the judicial system in our state is operating effectively, our dockets are substantially current, and cases are being heard without undue delay. At the same time, we recognize that this achievement would not have been possible without the support of the legislature. You gave the people of Alabama the opportunity to reform our judicial system through the ratification of The Judicial Article. Your subsequent enactment of The Judicial Article implementation legislation provided us the administrative

structure and organization which has allowed us to achieve this position of leadership. By any standard known to man, the Alabama judiciary is one of the finest in the country. While we are separate branches of government and independent of each other, we have constitutional responsibilities to each other and to the people of Alabama. The separation of powers doctrine is good. The checks and balances system has worked. Constitutional government in Alabama and in this country could not be stronger. We appreciate the thoughtful consideration you have given judicial legislation and recommendations throughout the years.

The judiciary of Alabama is not insensitive to the problems and pressures you face in trying to balance escalating demands for budget appropriations with limited public revenues. Even though money has been tight in past years, the Alabama legislature has always appreciated the fact that the court system is an essential function of government. Under the Constitution, the administration of justice is mandatory -- not discretionary. In fact, the Alabama Constitution itself establishes the priority of the judicial branch when it provides: . . .adequate and reasonable financing for the entire unified judicial system shall be provided. Adequate and reasonable appropriations shall be made by the legislature for the entire judicial system, exclusive of the probate courts and municipal courts. . .

I would be misleading you if I told you that the judicial branch is adequately and reasonably funded for 1989-1990. We all know that it is not. You have wisely recognized this in adopting additional funding through conditional appropriations. If sufficient revenues are available, I request the Governor to provide the judicial branch with a proportionate share of such conditional funds. The present budget is going to require severe cutbacks in court services. The judicial branch will make every effort to operate within the constraints of the established appropriation. However, it is going to be very difficult for us to deliver quality judicial services to the litigants of Alabama in a timely fashion without additional funding of some kind.

Two hundred years ago, on September 24, 1789, Congress enacted The Judiciary Act of 1789 setting up the federal court system. The very next day, Congress voted to submit the Bill of Rights to the states for ratification. Every working day, the courts of Alabama are called upon to apply and enforce the guarantees of individual rights contained in the federal Bill of Rights -- freedom of speech and religion, and protection against unreasonable searches and seizures.

The significance for state courts of The Judiciary Act of 1789 lies in what those federal statutes do not authorize the federal courts to do. The big reservoir of judicial power -- as well as responsibility -- remains with the states and state courts. Over ninety-five percent of all litigation takes place in the state courts. Federal courts are specialized courts of limited jurisdiction. Other than diversity jurisdiction, federal courts hear only civil cases involving questions of federal law and criminal prosecutions for specific federal crimes. The quality of justice in this country depends overwhelmingly on the quality of our state courts. You in the Alabama legislature and we who work in the Alabama courts are constantly faced with the joint challenge of maintaining and enhancing the quality of our courts. We, together, have accomplished much in recent years in steadily improving the administration of justice in Alabama. On behalf of all of us in the third branch, I renew our pledge to continue to work closely with you in discharging our joint responsibilities for the courts of Alabama.

My concern with prompt delivery of judicial services without delay applies also to capital cases. The crisis which has developed in this country concerning the death penalty is one which requires attention here in Alabama. Whatever deterrent value the death penalty may have is much depreciated when appeals last a decade after the crime. This delay is a terrible burden on the victims, police, prosecutors, public defenders, prison officials, and defendants. It imposes a dreadful cost on public confidence and the ability of the system of justice to function.

While these cases present the most awesome decisions we make, the time required to get them through the system now is unacceptable. The trial and appellate courts of Alabama are presently gathering data and making evaluations and analyses to improve the monitoring of capital cases through both the state system and the federal system to speed up this process and make sure no cases fall through the cracks. Alabama's state court system appears to be moving capital cases through the state court system with reasonable dispatch. However, we will monitor these cases more closely and I will report more in detail to you next year about our plans to move capital cases more promptly through the judicial system. All cases must be decided thoughtfully and deliberately and without undue haste BUT there must be a finality to litigation.

The Supreme Court of Alabama is required to advise the legislature of the need for any additional judgeships in the state's trial courts. That report has been submitted to you. Four additional circuit judgeship positions are needed: one in Mobile County, one in Montgomery County, one in the Calhoun-Cleburne Circuit, and one in the Henry-Houston Circuit. Two additional district judgeships are needed: one in Madison County and one in Shelby County. I call your attention to that report.

The creation of one unified trial bench is the bedrock upon which judicial reform has been built in the past twelve years. Court unification has given us the flexibility to move individual judges from courthouse to courthouse to meet local caseload needs, and the capacity, within each

courthouse, to assign individual cases to appropriate judges. In short, the unified court system has helped us to make the best possible use of our human and technological resources.

With the exception of the appellate courts and the state Administrative Office of Courts, located in Montgomery, the 1,700 individuals who comprise our judicial system are the judges, clerks, court reporters, bailiffs, and other court employees who are located in every county courthouse in Alabama. I want to take this opportunity on behalf of the entire court system to invite you to visit your local county courthouse and give our judges, clerks and registers, bailiffs, and court reporters the opportunity to show you how the system works and to thank you for your support.

We must enforce child support orders. I am distressed, as I know you are, to learn that our children represent one of the fastest growing sectors of poverty in this nation.

The judicial system is working cooperatively with the Department of Human Resources to ensure that Alabama's child support enforcement program remains in compliance with federal standards, and that federal funding for such services is not jeopardized.

The recently enacted Federal Family Support Act will require a number of changes in our state procedures. A Supreme Court committee is now preparing recommendations for rule changes which will establish uniform child support guidelines as a rebuttal presumption. The revised rule will be adopted prior to the federal deadline of October, 1989.

The Federal Family Support Act also mandates legislative action to provide for immediate wage withholding in child support actions. I appreciate the attention this body has given Senate Bill 224. The timely passage of this bill will further ensure the proper administration of this program.

At a sentencing proceeding, the judge asked the criminal defendant, "Are there any other questions?" The defendant said, "How can you sentence an innocent man to prison?" The judge responded, "It's part of my job." Hopefully, judges don't sentence innocent people to prison, but many persons convicted of crimes say they are innocent.

The job of being a judge at times is agonizing and lonely. Judges make decisions affecting the lives of people, and they are frequently not satisfied with our judgments. The judge's decision may not always be pleasing to those who are bound by the decision. But that's our role. Sentencing citizens convicted of crime is always a difficult task. Deciding on the custody and visitation rights with minor children is always a heartfelt judgment. But, that's a judge's role -- to make the difficult decisions for people that they have not been able to make for themselves. Circuit judges have to look citizens in the eye when they sentence them to die in the electric chair. That's not pleasant. Two hundred years ago, Alexander Hamilton said, "Laws are a dead letter without courts to expound and define their true meaning and operation." And the law would be a dead letter indeed without judges to apply it to the facts that people create for us.

Delay reduction in our courts is one of our main priorities. Our Canons of Judicial Ethics provide that, ". . .a judge should dispose promptly of the business of the court, being ever mindful of the matters taken under submission."

For the most part, all courts in Alabama have been reasonably prompt in rendering judicial decisions. I'm proud of the judges in our county courthouses. I admire and respect greatly the appellate judges. There's not a harder-working, more intelligent, or conscientious group of people anywhere than the eight Associate Justices on the Supreme Court of Alabama.

Virtually all judicial proceedings are open to the public. Written judicial decisions invite public scrutiny of what the judge has decided, and why. The judgments of trial courts are subject to appellate review, on an open record in open court. The decisions of appellate courts are critically examined by the press, the law schools, scholars, the legal profession, and any number of special interest groups. The conduct of judges falls within the purview of the Judicial Inquiry Commission and the Court of the Judiciary, created by the legislature. Just as accountability is a given, so is public criticism. No one should become a judge without understanding that at least half of the litigants appearing in court will be disappointed all the time and that the other half will wonder why their righteous claims have been so slow to be decided. No one should become a judge without also understanding the obligation not only to adjudicate impartially, but to avoid any appearance of impropriety. All of that comes with the territory. There must continue to be judicial independence. Judges have to make the tough decisions, issue the controversial rulings, or impose the unpopular sentences. I am proud of the courageous decisions of strong-minded Alabama judges that have helped to preserve our Bill of Rights and to give hope to those entitled to full participation in this great country. It is the judges who have enforced the expectations embodied in the Constitution. In short, judges must sit on calm, as well as stormy days, to insure that the rule of law prevails over the rule of man. Judges translate law into justice.

Under the law the Judicial Compensation Commission has submitted its report to you. The report recommends a fair, competitive salary for all judicial officials. I recommend that you adopt the report of the Judicial Compensation Commission.

Alabama's continuing judicial education program is one of the best in the country. This continuing education program helps new judges quickly

come "up to speed" in making the difficult transition from the bar to the bench. Other educational programs enable experienced judges to keep abreast of developments in the law -- such as the new legislation that you enact each year.

A major crisis now confronts the criminal justice system, not only in Alabama, but in America. As a result of our inability to control the drug culture, we face an increased criminal caseload. An overburdened criminal justice system creates innumerable pressures, all deplorable.

- Judges confronted by dockets of hundreds of cases each day lack the time to consider carefully whether an accused should be incarcerated or freed on bail.

- Sheriffs worry about whether they can guarantee courthouse security in the face of overcrowded holding cells.

- Prosecutors face increased pressure to plea bargain.

- Victims must struggle with the financial and emotional strains of delayed disposition.

- The public's perception of justice suffers when prison overcrowding shortens criminal sentences.

In summary, we risk fostering widespread public disrespect for the very institutions on which we rely to maintain a civilized and lawful society.

This crisis calls out for a cooperative campaign of action from all three branches of government. We must not ignore any single component of our criminal justice system if we are to deal responsibly with the current crisis.

Prison overcrowding should not be a concern of a circuit judge when sentencing a dangerous and violent criminal. Adequate prison space must be made available for these individuals. At the same time, a viable answer to our current prison problem could be the provision of creative sentencing alternatives for those defendants convicted of property crimes or nonviolent offenses who pose no danger to society. Creative programs such as the boot camp program which this legislature authorized last year have proven highly successful. Community restitution centers, house arrest, and intensive supervised probation with electronic monitoring are creative alternatives. I call your attention to Georgia's program. However, the long-range answer to the criminal justice crisis and the prison overcrowding problem is a model juvenile justice system in Alabama.

A particular area of concern for the judiciary and, I believe, the people of our state deals with the future of our children. Governor Hunt has declared 1989 as The Year of the Child. I commend him for his efforts in focusing our attention on the needs of our young people. If Alabama is to assume its rightful place as an economic leader in the South, we must provide our young people with the education and skills they need to allow them to successfully compete with their counterparts in our sister states. We must keep our children in school. I am also firmly convinced that the improvement of juvenile services, including juvenile justice services, is the ultimate key to the resolution of prison overcrowding.

The Alabama Judicial Study Commission's Prison Review Task Force recognized this fact and urged the creation of a separate entity to address problems in our juvenile justice system. I am pleased to announce that a Commission on the Future on the Alabama Juvenile Justice System has been appointed. The Commission and its Task Forces are now in the process of identifying problems facing our juvenile justice system.

I have asked the Commission not to give a mere report cataloging and categorizing the problems we have, but rather, to provide you, the Governor, the legislature, and the people of Alabama workable, common sense solutions to these problems including time frames for implementation and recommendations for potential funding sources.

I believe that the establishment of a model juvenile justice system in Alabama can save wrecked lives, relieve the congestion in our juvenile and adult courts, reduce the dollars we will have to spend on building prisons, and most important of all, reduce the number of our people who might become victims of criminal activity.

The report of the Commission on the Future of the Alabama Juvenile Justice System will be completed this fall and presented for your consideration prior to the next legislative session. I hope you will give this report and its recommendations your favorable consideration. The young people of our state need your help and assistance.

On May 11, 1988, suit was filed in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama alleging that Alabama's system for electing its district and circuit judges violates the United States Constitution and Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. The suit, filed by lawyers from the Southern Poverty Law Center on behalf of a class of black voters and citizens, is styled Southern Christian Leadership Conference, et al v. State of Alabama, et al, Civil Action No 88-D-462-N. The case is assigned to United States District Judge Joel Dubina.

In summary, the complaint alleges that Alabama's at-large, numbered-place system for electing its trial judges has the effect, in some circuits and districts, of impermissibly diluting black voting strength. In addition, the complaint contends that some of the multi-county circuits in the state are configured in such a way as to dilute black voting strength by fragmenting natural concentrations of black voters. The plaintiffs seek to have a new election system implemented, such as having

judges elected from single-judge subdistricts within the existing circuits rather than from the circuit as a whole.

The plaintiffs' claims are directed principally at the following judicial circuits and districts: circuits - 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 13, 15, 20, 23, and 26; districts - Jefferson, Mobile, Montgomery, and Russell. The court has tentatively certified a statewide plaintiff class on the circuit configuration claim and has certified subclasses for each of the circuits and districts mentioned above. If the plaintiffs are successful on their claim regarding the configuration of circuits, it is possible that circuits other than those mentioned above could be affected by whatever remedy is imposed.

The defendants in the lawsuit are the Chief Justice, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State and various probate judges, all in their official capacities. The case is being vigorously defended with a trial currently scheduled for late 1989. Presently, the case is pending before Judge Dubina on the defendants' motion for partial summary judgment, wherein a number of important legal issues are being considered. Among other defenses, the state defendants have asserted that the Voting Rights Act was not intended to apply to elections for judges and that the complaint does not state a claim which is justiciable in the federal courts. If the case proceeds to trial on the merits, the defendants will assert that the present system for electing judges does not dilute black voting strength and should not be declared unlawful.

This lawsuit is one of several similar lawsuits pending in various states, including Texas, Louisiana, Georgia, Ohio, and Illinois. Therefore, you need to be aware of this litigation.

Work is progressing on the new state judicial building and I am encouraged that completion may occur within the next three or four years. The architectural design for the building has begun and will take approximately a year, to be followed by the actual construction, which will take in excess of two years. At that time, we should have the best state judicial building in the United States. It will be dignified in form, and functionally, it will be state-of-the-art, so that it will be an effective and highly efficient building for the next half-century at least.

I am deeply indebted to all of you for your assistance in this very important undertaking.

When the Supreme Court of Alabama held its first term in Cahaba in 1820, the five judges heard only nine cases, all of which contained only points of pleading and practice. Things have changed. Last year, approximately 5,500 cases were before the appellate courts of our state. The justices of the Supreme Court and judges of the courts of criminal and civil appeal are making every effort to address these overwhelming caseloads in a judicious, yet expeditious manner. The question has been raised whether it is time to look at some possible reorganization of the appellate courts. A committee of the Alabama State Bar has been appointed to research this matter. I've asked them to especially look at the handling and management of capital cases. I look forward to receiving their recommendations.

Woodrow Wilson once said that "A constitutional government is as good as its courts; no better, no worse. . ." With the help and support of the legislative and executive branches of government in Alabama, we have succeeded in establishing one of the most efficient and well-organized judicial systems in the nation.

With your help and continued assistance, we will continue to provide quality judicial services to the people of our great state. May He who marks the sparrow's fall have you in His keeping and direct all your thoughts aright.

APPELLATE COURTS

The Alabama appellate courts consist of the Supreme Court and two courts of appeals: the Court of Criminal Appeals and the Court of Civil Appeals.

Supreme Court

The Supreme Court, the highest state court in Alabama, is composed of a chief justice and eight associate justices, each elected statewide for a term of six years. The Supreme Court has the power to superintend and review any case tried, heard, or appealed in any other court in the state. It has exclusive appellate jurisdiction over all suits at law where the amount in controversy exceeds $10,000 and all appeals from orders of the Alabama Public Service Commission involving utility rates. The court has rule-making power and has authority to promulgate administrative regulations to ensure the efficient and speedy administration of justice. The Supreme Court may answer questions of state law certified by a court of the United States and is authorized by law to give advisory opinions to the governor and the legislature on important constitutional questions.

A total of 2,459 cases was docketed with the Supreme Court this year. The number of cases docketed included 1,714 new filings and 745 cases which were carried over from the previous term of court.

A total of 1,724 cases was disposed by the court, of which 751 cases were disposed through the issuance of written opinions. This represents an average of 83 written opinions per justice.

Case filings and dispositions in the Supreme Court for the five-year period including FY 1985 through FY 1989 are shown on the accompanying table. During this five-year period, filings in the Supreme Court increased by 310 cases or 22.1 percent. Dispositions increased by 19.2 percent or 278 cases.

ALABAMA SUPREME COURT
Cases Docketed and Disposed
October 1, 1988 - September 30, 1989

Cases Docketed:	
New Cases:	
Appeals and Extraordinary Writs	908
Petitions for Writ of Certiorari	625
Miscellaneous Docket	173
Certified Questions	7
Advisory Opinions	1
Total New Cases	1,714
Cases Carried Forward, BY 1988:	745
Total Cases Pending before the Court	2,459
Cases Disposed:	
Written Opinions:	
Appeals	587
Petitions for Certiorari	127
Extraordinary Writs and Certified Questions	36
Advisory Opinions	1
Total Written Opinions	751
Petitions for Writ of Certiorari Denied	524
Dispositions by Court on Miscellaneous Docket and Dispositions by Clerk's Office	449
Total Cases Disposed	1,724
Cases Carried Forward to Next Term	735

ALABAMA SUPREME COURT

Filings and Dispositions
FY 1985 - FY 1989

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	Change 1985 --- 1989	
Cases Carried Over from Prior Year	719	677	745	748	745	26	3.6%
New Filings	1,404	1,590	1,674	1,594	1,714	310	22.1%
Total Caseload	2,123	2,267	2,419	2,342	2,459	336	15.8%
Cases Disposed	1,446	1,522	1,671	1,597	1,724	278	19.2%
Cases Carried Over to Next Year	677	745	748	745	735	58	8.6%

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

Filings and Dispositions
FY 1985- FY 1989

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	Change 1985 --- 1989	
Cases Carried Over from Prior Year	760	856	648	524	534	-226	-29.7%
New Filings	1,520	1,537	1,695	1,784	2,132	612	40.3%
Total Caseload	2,280	2,393	2,343	2,308	2,666	386	16.9%
Cases Disposed	1,424	1,745	1,819	1,774	1,927	503	35.3%
Cases Carried Over to Next Year	856	648	524	534	739	-117	-13.7%

COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS

Filings and Dispositions
FY 1985- FY 1989

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	Change 1985 --- 1989	
Cases Carried Over from Prior Year	255	287	269	335	288	33	12.9%
New Filings	548	530	584	529	556	8	1.5%
Total Caseload	803	817	853	864	844	41	5.1%
Cases Disposed	516	548	518	576	528	12	2.3%
Cases Carried Over to Next Year	287	269	335	288	326	39	13.6%

SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA

First row, left to right: Justice Reneau P. Almon, Justice A. Hugh Maddox, Chief Justice Sonny Hornsby, Justice Richard L. Jones, Justice Janie L. Shores; Standing (l-r): Justice Henry B. Steagall, II, Justice Oscar Adams, Justice J. Gorman Houston, Justice Mark Kennedy

Court of Criminal Appeals

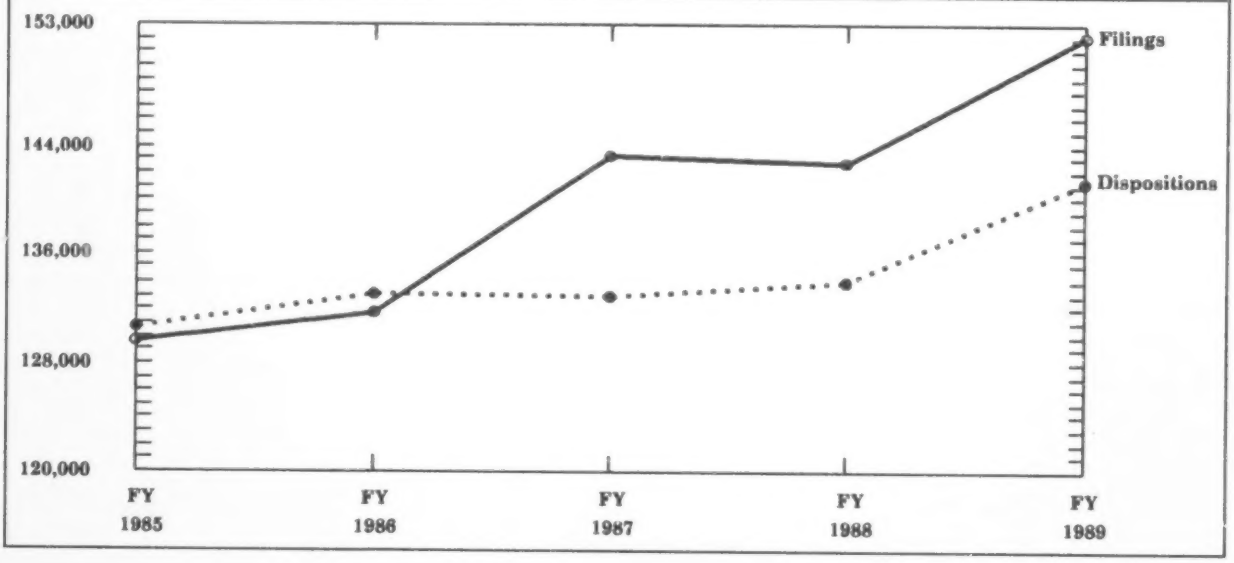
The Court of Criminal Appeals is a five-member body composed of a presiding judge and four judges. The court has exclusive appellate jurisdiction of all misdemeanors including violations of municipal ordinances, all felonies, and all post-conviction writs in criminal cases. The court also has original jurisdiction in the issuance of remedial writs necessary to give it general superintendence and control of jurisdictions inferior to it in matters over which it has exclusive appellate jurisdiction. Judgments of the Court of Criminal Appeals may be reviewed by the state Supreme Court by the granting of a petition for writ of certiorari. Capital cases are automatically reviewed by the Supreme Court.

During FY 1989, the total number of cases before the Court of Criminal Appeals increased by 15.5 percent, from 2,308 cases the previous year to 2,666 cases. New filings totaled 2,132 with 534 cases

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

Seated (l-r): Judge John C. Tyson, III, Presiding Judge Sam Taylor, Judge William M. Bowen; Standing (l-r): Judge John Patterson, Judge H. Ward McMillian, Jr.

CIRCUIT COURT
Filings and Dispositions
FY 1985 - FY 1989



CIRCUIT COURT
Filings and Dispositions
FY 1985 - FY 1989

FILINGS

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	Change 1988 --- 1989		Change 1985 --- 1989	
Criminal	31,469	32,192	34,125	34,161	41,462	7,301	21.4%	9,993	31.8%
Civil	32,447	33,984	37,050	35,876	39,915	4,039	11.3%	7,468	23.0%
Domestic Relations	46,801	47,278	47,279	44,805	44,043	-762	-1.7%	-2,758	-5.9%
Juvenile	18,947	18,192	24,759	27,873	26,655	-1,218	-4.4%	7,708	40.7%
Total	129,664	131,646	143,213	142,715	152,075	9,360	6.6%	22,411	17.3%

DISPOSITIONS

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	Change 1988 --- 1989		Change 1985 --- 1989	
Criminal	31,685	31,707	32,262	31,410	37,888	6,478	20.6%	6,203	19.6%
Civil	30,879	31,605	34,329	35,773	37,400	1,627	4.5%	6,521	21.1%
Domestic Relations	46,493	46,974	46,562	44,926	43,305	-1,621	-3.6%	-3,188	-6.9%
Juvenile	21,564	22,921	19,741	21,854	22,745	891	4.1%	1,181	5.5%
Total	130,621	133,207	132,894	133,963	141,338	7,375	5.5%	10,717	8.2%

brought forward from FY 1988. A total of 1,927 cases was disposed by the court.

Of the cases disposed by the court, 71.3 percent or 1,374 cases were affirmed; 15.5 percent or 299 cases were dismissed; 5.3 percent or 102 cases were extraordinary petitions; and 7.1 percent or 137 cases were either reversed and remanded or reversed and remanded with directions for additional trial action. Of the 1,927 cases disposed, the court reversed and rendered the decision in 15 cases. This represents less than one percent of the total appeals disposed.

At the close of the fiscal year, 739 appeals were carried over to the next term of court.

Court of Civil Appeals

The Court of Civil Appeals, composed of a presiding judge and two associate judges, was created by the Alabama Legislature in 1969.

The court has original appellate jurisdiction in all civil appeals where the amount in controversy does not exceed $10,000, all appeals from administrative agencies other than the Alabama Public Service Commission, all appeals in workmen's compensation cases, and all appeals in domestic relations cases, including annulment, divorce, adoption, and child custody cases.

For FY 1989, the Court of Civil Appeals reported a total caseload of 844 cases. This figure includes 556 new filings and 288 cases which, at the close of the previous term were either not ready for submission or on appeal to the Alabama Supreme Court.

The Court of Civil Appeals disposed of 528 cases. Of these cases, 341 or 64.6 percent were decided with opinions.

All decisions of the court are made en banc. Each judge is required to review each case submitted to the court.

Case filings in FY 1989 increased by 5.1 percent over FY 1988. For the five-year period, FY 1985-FY 1989, filings increased by 1.5 percent.

During the fiscal year, Retired Circuit Judge Edward N. Scruggs and J. Edward Tease assisted the court on a full-time basis; Retired Appellate Judges Charles Wright and Robert Bradley assisted the court part-time.

COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS

(l-r): Judge William Robertson, Presiding Judge Kenneth Ingram, Judge Robert J. Russell

TRIAL COURTS

The Alabama trial courts consist of a court of general jurisdiction known as the circuit court, a court of limited jurisdiction known as the district court, a probate court, and such municipal courts as may be established.

Circuit Court

The circuit court is the state's trial court of general jurisdiction. The 67 counties in Alabama are divided into 39 judicial circuits which are composed of one to five counties.

There are 124 circuit judges, and each circuit has from 1 to 24 resident circuit judges. By law, circuit court is held in every county in the state. The circuit court jurisdiction, generally, is as follows:

Civil - Exclusive original jurisdiction of all civil actions in which the matter in controversy exceeds $5,000 and original jurisdiction concurrent with the district court in civil actions in which the matter in controversy exceeds $1,000 exclusive of interest and cost.

Criminal - Exclusive original jurisdiction of all felony prosecutions and/or misdemeanors or ordinance violations which are lesser included offenses within a felony charge or which arise from the same incident as a felony charge, except that the district court has concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court to receive pleas of guilty in felony cases not punishable by sentence of death.

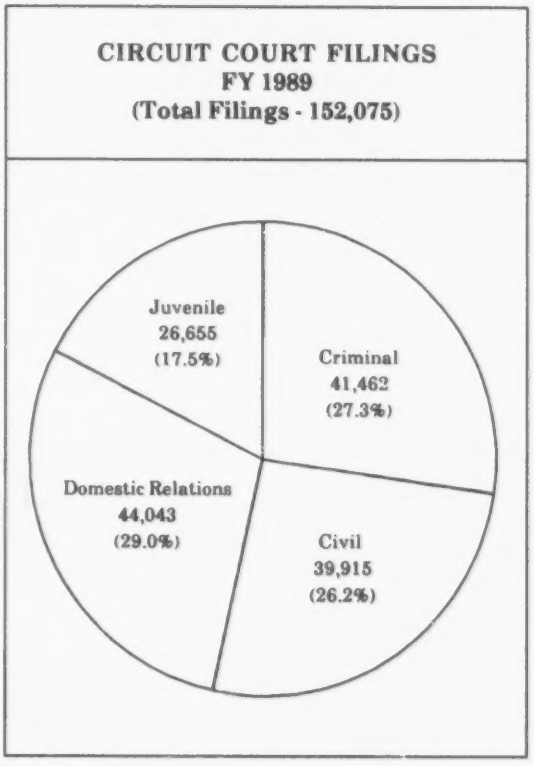
Juvenile - Original concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in proceedings involving the following: children alleged to be delinquent, dependent, or in need of supervision; traffic offenses transferred to juvenile court; determining custody or appointing legal custodian or guardian of a child who is otherwise before the court; removal of disability of nonage; interstate compact on juveniles; commitment of mentally ill or retarded children; adoption, when such proceedings are removed from probate court; and termination of parental rights.

Appellate - Appellate jurisdiction of civil, criminal, and juvenile cases in district court and prosecutions for ordinance violations in municipal court, except in cases in which direct appeal to the appellate courts is provided by law or rule. Appeals to the circuit court are tried de novo, with or without a jury, as provided by law.

Circuit court case filings increased significantly during FY 1989 with 9,360 more cases or an increase of 6.6 percent reported. The largest increase was in criminal cases with an increase of 7,301 cases or 21.4 percent. Civil case filings increased by 4,039 cases or 11.3 percent. Filings of domestic relations cases decreased by 762 cases or 1.7 percent, while juvenile filings decreased by 1,218 cases or 4.4 percent.

Case filings and disposition trends for the five-year period, FY 1985 through FY 1989, are presented on the accompanying circuit court statistical table. As shown, over the five-year period, total circuit court filings have increased by 22,411 cases or 17.3 percent.

The largest increase in the number of cases filed for the five-year period was in the criminal jurisdiction where filings increased by 9,993 cases or 31.8 percent. Juvenile showed the second greatest increase with an additional 7,708 cases or a 40.7 percent increase. Civil case filings increased by 7,468 cases from 1985 to 1989, which is a 23 percent increase. Only domestic relations filings decreased. There were 2,758 fewer cases filed in FY 1989 than in FY 1985, which is a decrease of 5.9 percent.



Dispositions in the circuit courts increased by 7,375 cases or a 5.5 percent increase in FY 1989. A total of 141,338 cases was disposed. Over the five-year period, dispositions in the circuit courts increased by 10,717 cases or 8.2 percent. Civil dispositions had the highest increase with 6,521 cases or 21.1 percent. Criminal case dispositions increased by 6,203 or 19.6 percent. The juvenile jurisdiction showed 1,191 more cases disposed or a 5.5 percent increase. Only domestic relations case dispositions showed a decrease with 3,188 less cases disposed in FY 1989 than in FY 1985. This is a decrease of 6.9 percent.

During this fiscal year, 12 of the state's 39 circuits reported that they disposed of more cases than were filed, thereby reducing pending caseloads.

District Court

The district court is the state trial court of limited jurisdiction. There is a district court in each county. Sessions of court are held in each county seat and in each municipality of 1,000 or more population where no municipal court exists. The district court is a non-jury court of record. There are 95 district judges, and each district court has from 1 to 11 district judges. District court jurisdiction, generally, is as follows:

Civil - Original civil jurisdiction concurrent with the circuit court in civil actions in which the matter in controversy does not exceed $5,000 and civil actions based on unlawful detainer.

Small Claims - Exclusive jurisdiction over all civil actions in which the matter in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, does not exceed $1,000.

Criminal Misdemeanors - Exclusive original trial jurisdiction over prosecutions of all offenses defined by law or ordinance as misdemeanors, except prosecutions by municipalities having municipal courts.

Criminal Felonies - Original jurisdiction concurrent with the circuit court to receive pleas of guilty in prosecutions of offenses defined by law as felonies not punishable by sentence of death. Jurisdiction to hold preliminary hearings in prosecutions for felonies as provided by law.

Criminal Traffic - Exclusive original jurisdiction of misdemeanor prosecutions for traffic infractions, except ordinance infractions prosecuted in municipal court.

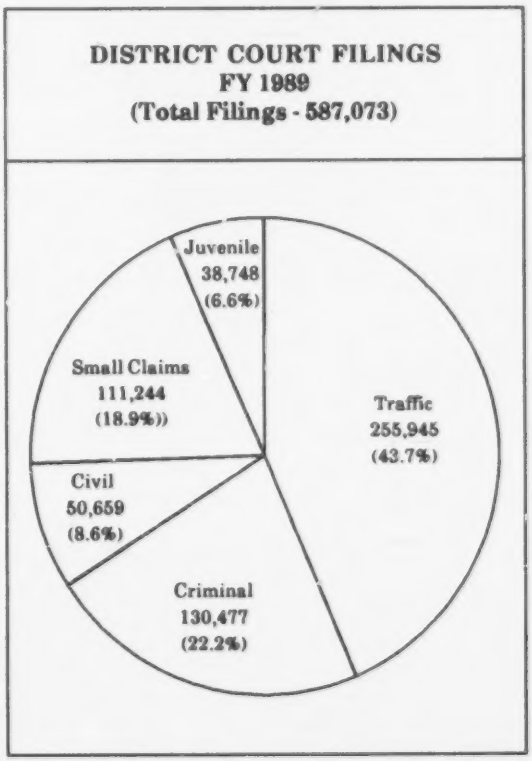
Juvenile - Concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court.

Case filings in district courts showed a gain of 24,416 cases or 4.3 percent increase in FY 1989. The most significant increase was in criminal cases which went up 12,104 cases in FY 1989. This represents an increase of 10.2 percent. Traffic cases were up 5,398 cases or 2.2 percent and juvenile cases increased by 4,883 or 14.4 percent. Civil cases increased 3,200 or 6.7 percent. Only small claims cases decreased in FY 1989 by 1,169 or a 1 percent decrease.

Over the five-year period from FY 1985 through FY 1989, filings in all jurisdictions of district court increased. The total increase in cases was 106,721 or 22.2 percent. Traffic showed the greatest gain of 44,822 cases or 21.2 percent, followed by criminal filings which increased 32,390 or 33 percent. Small claims filings increased 16,650 cases or 17.6 percent. Juvenile filings increased 6,526 cases or 20.3 percent, and civil case filings went up 6,333 or 14.3 percent.

Most significantly in FY1989, district courts disposed of more cases than were filed, thus reducing the case backlog. There were 589,288 cases disposed in FY 1989 which is 33,963 more than were disposed in FY 1988 or a 6.1 percent increase in dispositions. District courts increased their dispositions of criminal cases by 15,809 or 14.4 percent. Traffic dispositions increased by 13,099 cases or 5.3 percent and juvenile case dispositions went up 6,665 or 21 percent. Civil case dispositions increased only slightly by 144 cases or 0.3 percent. The disposition of small claims cases decreased by 1,754 or 1.5 percent.

District courts disposed of 126,393 more cases in FY 1989 than in FY 1985 which represents an increase in dispositions of 27.3 percent. Traffic dispositions increased by 54,234 cases or 26.2 percent. District criminal dispositions increased 30,341 cases or 31.8 percent, followed closely by increases in small claims dispositions of 29,020 or 34.2 percent increase. Juvenile case dispositions increased by 8,885 cases or 30.2 percent. The smallest increase in dispositions was in the civil jurisdiction where an increase of 3,913 cases or 8.5 percent was reported.



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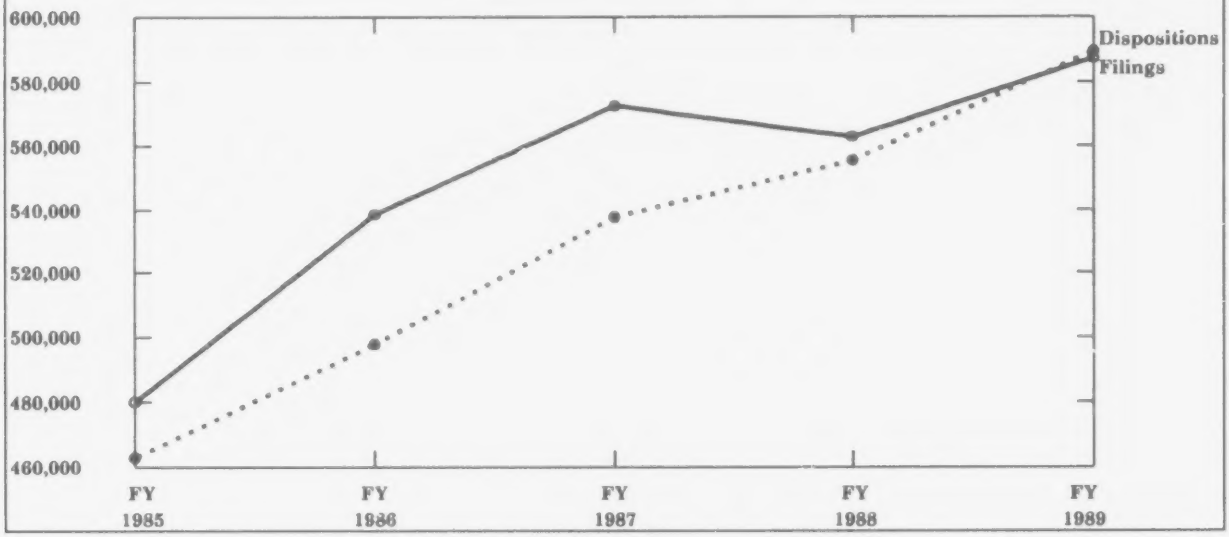

DISTRICT COURT
Filings and Dispositions
FY 1985 - FY 1989

FILINGS

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	Change 1988 --- 1989		Change 1985 --- 1989	
Traffic	211,123	236,628	266,652	250,547	255,945	5,398	2.2%	44,822	21.2%
Criminal	98,087	109,629	113,023	118,373	130,477	12,104	10.2%	32,390	33.0%
Civil	44,326	44,492	45,980	47,459	50,659	3,200	6.7%	6,333	14.3%
Small Claims	94,594	115,203	113,658	112,413	111,244	-1,169	-1.0%	16,650	17.6%
Juvenile	32,222	31,892	32,787	33,865	38,748	4,883	14.4%	6,526	20.3%
Total	480,352	537,844	572,100	562,657	587,073	24,416	4.3%	106,721	22.2%

DISPOSITIONS

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	Change 1988 --- 1989		Change 1985 --- 1989	
Traffic	206,911	219,604	250,622	248,046	261,145	13,099	5.3%	54,234	26.2%
Criminal	95,334	101,819	106,504	109,866	125,675	15,809	14.4%	30,341	31.8%
Civil	46,217	42,076	43,549	49,986	50,130	144	0.3%	3,913	8.5%
Small Claims	84,972	105,099	106,064	115,746	113,992	-1,754	-1.5%	29,020	34.2%
Juvenile	29,461	29,498	30,779	31,681	38,346	6,665	21.0%	8,885	30.2%
Total	462,895	498,096	537,518	555,325	589,288	33,963	6.1%	126,393	27.3%

During FY 1989, 28 of the state's 67 district courts reduced their pending caseloads by disposing of more cases than were filed.

Municipal Court

The municipal court is a court of limited jurisdiction established in each municipal corporation, except those which abolish their courts by ordinance in accordance with Section 12-14-1, **Code of Alabama** 1975. Currently, there are 276 municipal courts which are served by 238 municipal judges.The jurisdiction of the municipal court, generally, is as follows:

Jurisdiction over all prosecutions for the breach of municipal ordinances within its police jurisdiction.

Concurrent jurisdiction with the district court of all acts constituting misdemeanor offenses under state law committed within the police jurisdiction of the municipality which may be prosecuted as breaches of municipal ordinances.

Where a municipality elects to abolish its court, the jurisdiction of the court is transferred to the district court. The district court is required to hold sessions in those municipalities where the municipal court has been abolished and the population is over 1,000. Any municipality which has abolished its court may subsequently reestablish the municipal court by ordinance.

In FY 1989, two municipalities reestablished their municipal courts. Seventy-seven municipalities now utilize the district courts for the adjudication of ordinance violations.

Probate Court

The probate courts in Alabama have original and general jurisdiction over the probate of wills, the granting of letters testamentary, the rights of executorship, the settlement of accounts of executors and administrators, the sale of estate properties, the appointment and removal of guardians for minors and persons of unsound mind, guardianships allotments of dower and land, partition of lands with the respective county, and name changes. There is a probate court in every county.Several probate judges also serve as chairmen of their county commissions.

While constitutionally a part of the Alabama Judicial System, the probate courts are not included in the budget for the Alabama Judicial System and are administered locally by the respective probate judges. Funding for the probate courts is provided through the county governments or through fees generated in probate court.

Judge Assignments

The Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court has the authority under the state constitution to assign active trial judges outside their circuits and retired trial judges to duty in the appellate, circuit, district, and probate courts. The Supreme Court also has authority to designate attorneys to serve as special judges in these courts.

Active and retired judges may be assigned by the Chief Justice to hear specific cases in which incumbent judges recuse themselves or when circumstances require temporary service on the bench. In FY 1989, assignments for temporary service in all courts equaled 777 days. Active judges and attorneys, as well as retired judges, were assigned to hear 229 cases in circuit court, 87 cases in district court, and 22 cases in probate or municipal court during the year. Based on an average of two days per circuit court case and one day per district, probate, or municipal court cases, these cases and temporary service assignments represent a total of 1,344 judge days or the equivalent of 5.8 additional judges' service to the state courts. Sixty percent of these assignments were accepted by 57 active circuit judges and 49 active district judges; 25 percent were accepted by 27 retired judges; and 15 percent were accepted by 47 attorneys.

Periods of stand-by service are performed by judges and attorneys; however, as the service is not recorded, no statistics on length of service are available.

In addition to individual case assignments, temporary service, and stand-by service, retired judges have continued or accepted regular part-time assignments to circuit and district courts. Retired judges provided this assistance to the circuit courts in the 10th, 12th, and 13th judicial circuits, as well as the district courts in Jefferson and Mobile counties. These judges may be called to the bench by the local presiding circuit judge whenever needed, and no separate statistics are available on the number of days they have served or the number of cases they helped to dispose.

Retired circuit judges continue to provide assistance to intermediate courts of appeal. During FY 1989, one retired circuit judge assisted the Court of

Criminal Appeals, and two retired circuit judges assisted the Court of Civil Appeals.

Not included in the regular judge assignment statistics are the additional duties for selected district judges authorized by the Supreme Court; assignments of circuit and district judges within a circuit by the presiding circuit judge pursuant to Rule 13, Alabama Rules of Judicial Administration; assignment of attorneys to the district courts of Jefferson and Mobile counties by special order of the Supreme Court; or the appointments of referees or general masters by judges to hear specific cases under the authority granted in the **Code of Alabama** 1975 and certain rules of court.

It should be noted that while on judicial assignment, neither active nor retired circuit and district judges receive additional salary or additional retirement compensation. They are reimbursed travel expenses as provided by statute for state employees.

Additional judge services, provided by active trial judges accepting out-of-circuit assignments and retired judges on active duty, provide direct benefits to the Alabama judiciary and the people of this state by helping to ensure that the dockets of courts throughout the state remain current.

Clerks and Registers

There is an office of the circuit clerk in every county and in the Bessemer Division of the 10th Judicial Circuit. Circuit clerks are elected for a term of six years. The duties of the circuit clerks include the issuance of process and the maintenance of all court records as required by law or rule in their respective courts.

Separate registers offices for the processing of equity cases are located in eight counties. These counties are Baldwin, Calhoun, DeKalb, Houston, Morgan, Russell, Talladega, and Winston. In FY 1989, four registers retired from Butler, Jefferson, Marion, and Mobile counties. When incumbent registers leave office, their duties are, by law, assumed by the circuit court clerk.

The Supreme Court may authorize the appointment of a district court clerk who is responsible for issuance of process and the maintenance of all court records as required by law or rule in the district court. Separate district clerks' offices have been established in five counties. These counties are Calhoun, Cullman, Morgan, Mobile, and Tuscaloosa. Except as authorized by the Supreme Court, the circuit clerk serves as ex-officio clerk of the district court.

JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE

Alabama has a two-tiered system for judicial discipline: the Judicial Inquiry Commission which investigates complaints brought against judges and the Court of the Judiciary which hears charges brought by the Judicial Inquiry Commission.

Judicial Inquiry Commission

The Judicial Inquiry Commission is the body which hears and investigates complaints brought against judges of the state. It has the authority to conduct investigations and receive or initiate complaints concerning any judge in the state judicial system. Where warranted, the commission may file a complaint with the Court of the Judiciary charging a judge with a violation of any canon of judicial ethics, misconduct in office, or failure to perform his duties. The commission may also charge that a judge is physically or mentally unable to perform his duties. The commission has subpoena power and the authority to appoint and direct its staff. Investigations of the commission are confidential.

The commission is composed of one appellate judge appointed by the Supreme Court, two circuit judges appointed by the Association of Circuit Judges, two attorneys appointed by the Board of Bar Commissioners, and two nonlawyer citizens appointed by the governor. Commission members are appointed for terms of four years.

During FY 1989, the Judicial Inquiry Commission considered 152 complaints which resulted in 22 investigations. Of the 152 complaints, 131 were without sufficient cause or basis; 3 were outside the jurisdiction of the commission; 4 complaints were resolved by the commission through meetings with the judges in question; no complaints were filed with the Court of Judiciary; and 14 complaints are pending.

Judicial Inquiry Commission Members
Fiscal Year 1989

Honorable William M. Bowen, Jr., Chairman
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals

J. Don Foster, Esquire
Foley, Alabama

William B. Hairston, Jr., Esquire
Birmingham, Alabama

Honorable Braxton L. Kittrell, Jr.
Judge, 13th Judicial Circuit

Martha Mardre Scott
Opelika, Alabama

Basil Thompson
Andalusia, Alabama

Honorable Thomas N. Younger
Judge, 23rd Judicial Circuit

Since its creation in 1973, the Judicial Inquiry Commission has considered 1,476 complaints. Of these complaints, 588 were without sufficient cause or basis; 754 were outside the jurisdiction of the commission; 13 complaints were canceled; 63 complaints were resolved by the commission through meetings with the judges in question; 16 were resolved in court action; and five complaints were resolved when the judges in question retired. Twenty-three complaints were resolved by the filing of formal charges with the Court of the Judiciary. The commission issued 41 advisory opinions in FY 1989 and has issued a total of 380 advisory opinions since 1973.

Court of the Judiciary

The Court of the Judiciary is a five-member body which hears complaints filed by the Judicial Inquiry Commission. The court is composed of one appellate judge who is selected by the Supreme Court and

serves as chief judge of the court, two circuit judges appointed by the Association of Circuit Judges, and two members of the state bar appointed by the Board of Bar Commissioners

The court has the authority, after notice and public hearing, to remove from office, suspend without pay, censure, or apply such other sanctions as prescribed by law to any judge for a violation of a canon of judicial ethics, misconduct in office, or failure to perform his duties. The court may also suspend, with or without pay, or retire a judge who is physically or mentally unable to perform his duties. Decisions of the Court of the Judiciary may be appealed to the state Supreme Court which reviews the record of proceedings on the law and the facts. The Supreme Court adopts rules governing the procedures of the court. Counsel for the prosecution of cases before the court is provided by the state attorney general's office. The clerk of the Court of Civil Appeals serves as secretary of the Court of the Judiciary.

Court of the Judiciary Members
Fiscal Year 1989

Honorable John Patterson
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals

Honorable Claud D. Neilson
Judge, 17th Judicial Circuit

Honorable William C. Sullivan
Judge, 29th Judicial Circuit

William D. Scruggs, Esquire
Fort Payne, Alabama

Hugh Nash, Esquire
Oneonta, Alabama

No complaints were filed with the court during FY 1989, and one was pending from FY 1988. The case was concluded with a resignation.

Judicial Compensation Commission

Alabama's Judicial Compensation Commission is a constitutional body charged with recommending the state salary and expense allowances to be paid all judges except municipal and probate judges.

The commission may submit a report to the legislature at any time within the first five calendar days of any session. To become effective, the report of the commission must be confirmed by a joint resolution of both houses. The legislature may, by act, alter the commission's recommendations.

The commission consists of five members appointed for terms of four years: one appointed by the governor; one by the president of the senate; one by the speaker of the house; and two by the Board of Bar Commissioners. Members of the Judicial Compensation Commission cannot hold any other public or political party office nor can they be eligible for appointment to any state judicial office while serving or within two years of serving on the commission.

Judicial Compensation Commission Members
Fiscal Year 1989

Charles R. Adair, Jr., Chairman
Dadeville, Alabama

Broox G. Garrett
Brewton, Alabama

Finis E. St. John, IV
Cullman, Alabama

Charles Woods
Childersburg, Alabama

Isaac P. Espy
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

The commission issued a report to the legislature at its regular session in 1989. The report recommended a state salary of $65,000 for circuit judges. The legislature did not adopt the report.

Judicial Study Commission

In 1971, the Alabama legislature created a study commission on the Alabama judicial system for the purpose of continuously studying "the judicial system of the state, the courts of the state, the administration of justice in Alabama, criminal rehabilitation, criminal punishment methods and procedures, and all matters relating directly or indirectly to the administration of justice in Alabama and [making] recommendations thereto."

The Judicial Study Commission is a 32-member body. Membership includes the lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, the legal advisor to the governor, a member of the attorney general's staff, six members of the state senate, six members of the state house of representatives, and the members of the Judicial Conference. The Judicial Conference is composed of the Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, two associate justices, a judge from each intermediate court of appeals, three circuit judges, two district judges, two municipal judges, three lawyers, and one probate judge.

The Chief Justice, who serves as chairman of the commission, has appointed an advisory section consisting of three clerks and registers, three district attorneys, and three law enforcement officials. Lane W. Mann, director of the Legal Division of the Administrative Office of Courts, has served as director of the Alabama Judicial Study Commission since his appointment by the Chief Justice in February 1987.

The Judicial Study Commission did not meet in FY 1989. However, the Commission on the Future of the Alabama Juvenile Justice System, appointed by Chief Justice Sonny Hornsby under the auspices of the JSC, was very active and will render its report to the Commission early in the next fiscal year. The Task Force on Indigent Services also developed a report to be submitted early next fiscal year. The Advisory Committee on Child Support Enforcement and the Interagency Committee on Youth are continuing their work.

Judicial Study Commission Officers and Members
Fiscal Year 1989

Hon. Sonny Hornsby, Chief
Justice, Supreme Court of Alabama

Senator Lowell Barron
8th District

Senator Gerald Dial
13th District

Senator Don Hale
4th District

Senator Charles D. Langford
26th District

Senator James E. Preuitt
11th District

Senator Steve Windom
35th District

Rep. Mike Box
96th District

Rep. Michael Breedlove
65th District

Rep. James M. Campbell
36th District

Rep. G.J. Higginbotham
80th District

Rep. Beth Marietta-Lyons
104th District

Rep. William M. Slaughter
46th District

Hon. Richard L. Jones, Associate
Justice, Supreme Court of Alabama

Hon. A. Hugh Maddox, Associate
Justice, Supreme Court of Alabama

Hon. Sam Taylor, Presiding Judge
Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals

Hon. Kenneth Ingram, Presiding Judge
Alabama Court of Civil Appeals

Hon. Robert L. Byrd, Judge
13th Judicial Circuit

Hon. Charles R. Crowder, Judge
10th Judicial Circuit

Hon. Jerry L. Fielding, Judge
29th Judicial Circuit

Hone. Harold L. Crow, Judge
District Court of Clarke County

Hon. Richard L. Osborne, Judge
District Court of Greene County

Hon. Emory Anthony, Judge
Municipal Court of Birmingham

Hon. Joe S. Bailey, Judge
Municipal Court of Auburn

Hon. Paul Thomas, Probate Judge
DeKalb County

David A. Bagwell, Esquire
Mobile

Clifford W. Cleveland, Esquire
Prattville

Ben H. Harris, Esquire
Mobile

Hon. Jim Folsom
Lieutenant Governor

Hon. James S. Clark, Speaker of the
House of Representatives

Bill Wasden, Esquire
Legal Counselor to the Governor

Rosa H. Davis, Esquire
Assistant Attorney General

Advisory Section Members:

Hon. Polly Conradi
Clerk and Register
Birmingham Division, Jefferson

Hon. G. Ronald Harwell, Clerk and
Register, Sumter County

Hon. Devon Kiker, Circuit Clerk
Russell County

Col. Tom Wells, Director
Department of Public Safety

Hon. Brice R. Paul, Sheriff
Coffee County

Chief Wayne Chandler
Chief of Police, Anniston

Hon. Joel Folmar, District Attorney
12th Judicial Circuit

Hon. Timothy Littrell, District
Attorney, 36th Judicial Circuit

Hon. Robert L. Rumsey, District
Attorney, 29th Judicial Circuit

Allen L. Tapley
Administrative Director of Courts

Lane W. Mann, Director
Judicial Study Commission

Directors of the Administrative Office of Courts

Left to right: Oliver Gilmore, Finance; Robert H. Tillman, Information Systems; Lane Mann, Legal; Mike Carroll, Asst. Director, Information Systems; Robert A. Martin, Administrative Services; Frank Gregory, Judicial College; Thelma Braswell, Court Relations; Hunter Slaton, Court Assistance; Angelo Trimble, Municipal Courts

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

The Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court is the chief administrative officer of the state's court system and is authorized to appoint an administrative director of courts and other personnel to assist him in the performance of his administrative responsibilities.

The Administrative Office of Courts, under the direction of the Administrative Director of Courts, is charged with providing the centralized, state-level administrative support necessary for the operation of the state's court system; the development of improved procedures and systems to increase the operational capacity of the courts, and the collection and dissemination of information necessary for the development of policy to promote more efficient operation of the courts.

Following is a discussion of the responsibilities and accomplishments of the Administrative Office of Courts for FY 1989.

Finance Division

The Finance Division provides financial and administrative support to all operations of the Alabama Judicial System.

The principle responsibilities of the Financial Division includes accounting, purchasing, budget, and operation services. The Division also has responsibility for the development and implementation of the statewide unified court costs collection system.

Expense Accounting. The expense accounting section manages the fiscal operation of the Alabama Judicial System. During FY 1989, 13,719 vouchers, 1,487 payroll registers, and 1,077 items of equipment were processed. Inventory control records were maintained on 18,080 different items of equipment with a combined acquisition value of $10,869,002. Approximately 360 items of equipment were transferred to surplus property.

The 76,450 jurors who served the Alabama court system were paid through the juror payment system by the expense accounting section.

Accounting services were provided for six grants during FY 1989. These included two SJI grants, three Edna McConnell Clark Foundation endowments, and one grant from the National Organization for Victims Assistance.

A favorable opinion from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) permitted the county supplemental salaries to be combined with state salaries for judges, clerks, court reporters, and registers for payment of FICA taxes. As a result of this action, an estimated savings of $300,000 is anticipated for the year ending December 31, 1989.

Purchasing. The purchasing section of the Finance Division is responsible for the purchasing policies of the Alabama Judicial System. The purchasing section staff also provides technical assistance to courts in analyzing equipment needs, particularly in conjunction with courthouse renovations. Technical assistance includes on-site visits, coordination with architects and county commissioners, development of detailed specifications and standards, and preparation of written invitations to bid. During this fiscal year, technical assistance was provided to judges and officials in Jackson, Madison, and Mobile counties and to the Supreme Court.

The purchasing section is working closely with the State Department of Finance's Division of Purchasing to assist in implementing the State Network for Automated Procurement (SNAP).

Operation Services. The primary responsibilities of the operation services section are printing, office supply control, warehousing, vehicle maintenance, and telephone/postage services.

Print Shop Operations. During FY 1989, 86 revised standard forms used throughout the trial court system were printed by the section. Other projects included the Forms Manual, the Clerks and Registers' Manual, the Guide to Alabama Court Procedures, and all printed material required for Judicial College conferences. Since October 1988, over 12.1 million impressions, representing an increase of approximately 1.4 million pages, have been printed.

Mailroom Operations. In March 1989, the mailroom began pre-sorting first class mail. The pre-sorting of jury notices alone guaranteed savings in excess of $5,000. Approximately $144,000 in postage was processed through the administrative office's postage meter. By eliminating the 15 percent State Mail Room metering service charge, a savings of $21,000 was realized during this fiscal year.

Desktop Publishing. With the additions to the existing desktop publishing system, the Administrative Office of Courts now has the capacity to produce print-ready forms, manuals, and publications. This capability, in conjunction with existing print shop facilities, significantly increases the in-house printing capability of the Administrative Office of Courts.

Budget. The budget section for the Administrative Office of Courts prepares the annual budget request for the trial courts and administrative office operations. Budget requests for the Supreme Court and courts of criminal and civil appeals are prepared by the respective courts.

Management Information Systems Division

The Management Information Systems provides support in the areas of records and space management, data processing, and personnel.

Records and Space Management. The purpose of this section is to assist the trial courts in the effective management of records. This includes record flow, storage, retention, and security, as well as management of peripheral equipment and space.

The records and space management section has worked with courts across the state in many aspects of records and/or space management assistance during FY 1989. Growth of the program has enabled the section to better serve the records management needs of the judicial system.

Micrographics Program. The micrographics program was expanded to the following court sites during FY 1989: Houston County Register's Office, Madison County Circuit Clerk's Office, Morgan County Circuit Clerk's Office, Walker County Circuit Clerk's Office, Baldwin County Register's Office, Baldwin County Circuit Clerk's Office, and Autuaga County Circuit Clerk's Office. The total number of court sites in the judicial micrographics program is now 25, including the Supreme Court. This represents 57 percent of the circuit court case filings in the state.

The micrographics unit filmed 1,946,507 images which represented 73,343 case files during FY 1989. As a result, 905 cubic feet of space previously required for conventional file cabinets was made available for other use.

Microfiche systems were offered to court site users for the first time this fiscal year. Eight of the court sites in the micrographics program now have microfiche systems.

Records Retention Scheduling. The records and space management section provided assistance to 17 court sites in implementing records-retention schedules. Records eligible for destruction were destroyed, and the remaining records were organized into a system that provided for efficient storage. Courts receiving assistance were in the following counties: Autauga, Baldwin, Bessemer, Butler, Colbert, Coosa, Covington, Cullman, Dale, Dallas, Fayette, Greene, Houston, Jefferson (Juv.), Macon, Madison, and Morgan.

On-site Records Management Evaluations. During FY 1989, 27 court sites in the following counties received on-site, records management evaluations: Autauga, Baldwin, Butler, Calhoun, Chilton, Colbert, Coosa, Covington, Cullman, Dale, Dallas, Etowah, Fayette, Greene, Houston, Jefferson/Bessemer, Lauderdale, Limestone, Macon, Madison, Marshall, Mobile, Montgomery, Morgan, Russell, Shelby, and Walker.

Records Destruction. During FY 1989, a large number of records were transferred to the micrographics section for storage on microfilm. An even larger number of records eligible for destruction were disposed. The usable space created by destruction of these records is equivalent to the space required to accommodate 437 four-drawer file cabinets, or approximately 1,000 square feet of floor space.

Space Management. During FY 1989, the section furnished this assistance to three court sites in Butler, Houston, and Mobile counties.

Special Assignment. Special assistance was provided to the Calhoun County courts because of fire and smoke damage to equipment and records. Irreplaceable records were salvaged, and an intensive microfilm effort was initiated to assure preservation of the records.

Data Processing. The data processing section coordinates computerized court management services and data processing requirements with the state's trial courts which utilize the statewide judicial information system (SJIS) network. During this fiscal year, the system was enhanced to prevent down time and to provide additional storage capacity.

Continued expansion of existing remote sites and the addition of Russell, Calhoun, and Talladega counties raised the total of active remote devices to 681. At this time, 33 controllers, 577 terminals, and 93 printers are in use in 20 locations throughout Alabama. There are 25 systems available for access and use by the local courts.

The remote access project allows law firms direct access to appropriate data on the SJIS system. During FY 1989, five Birmingham law firms were granted remote access. The local clerk's office reported a reduction in traffic and interruptions as a result of this action.

The caseload reporting system was modified to provide weighted caseload information. A juvenile case tracking system was developed and implemented in three pilot test sites. This system provides the juvenile courts with case tracking from intake to the petition phases. The system includes forms, reports, and judges' dockets for court appearances.

The revenue income and settlement reporting system was revised to accommodate changes in settlement reporting and supplemental reporting to include restitution and forfeitures.

The civil case tracking system was rewritten to give on-line counties an increased number of functions. The system provides the civil jurisdictions of court with printed forms, dockets, and reports.

The Court Payment System (PAY) was modified to handle different jurisdictions of court including juvenile court and civil garnishments.

The Montgomery restitution project was actively supported this year. This process assists Montgomery County judges in monitoring and tracking restitution payments.

Personnel. The personnel section provides personnel services for approximately 1,800 judicial system employees, including elected officials and merit and confidential employees in the trial and appellate courts. The section recruits applicants and conducts examinations for merit system positions. It also processes confidential appointments, separations, and other personnel actions. In addition, leave accounting, merit raises, and other fringe benefit programs are maintained. The personnel section was involved in several new functions and projects during FY 1989. The following is a description of each of these projects.

New Merit Employee Evaluation Form. The personnel section worked with the Clerks and Registers Association's personnel committee to develop a new merit employee performance evaluation form. The form incorporates a work habit rating as well as a job performance/responsibility rating. A training session was held at the Clerks and Registers Summer Conference. The form will be implemented in conjunction with the October 1989 merit raise program. The new evaluation will be used by approximately 725 employees.

Employee Handbook - A Court Clerk Handbook was developed by the personnel section and approved by the Clerks and Registers' personnel committee. It will be distributed to merit employees in FY 1990.

Flexible Benefits Program - Under the provisions of Act 89-644, participants pay dependent health premiums with tax-free dollars, thereby increasing net take-home pay. The personnel section received written responses from over 550 employees with family health coverage who elected to participate in this program.

Testing - The validation of Court Clerk written tests was completed in July 1989 in conjunction with the Center for Business at Auburn University at Montgomery. The project involved a complete job analysis of all six court clerk classes and construction of content-valid written tests. Applicants on open and promotional registers were invited to retest in order to remain eligible for consideration. During FY 1989, a total of 2,065 applicants were scheduled for testing; 1,328 individuals were tested.

Court Assistance Division

The primary responsibility of the Court Assistance Division is to provide support and technical assistance in the areas of case and jury management to circuit and district courts. The division prepares periodic reports for the Alabama Supreme Court on judicial manpower needs and researches issues of

key concern to the judicial system. During FY 1989, major efforts focused on child support guidelines, court delay, juvenile court programs, and indigent defense services.

Case Management. The Court Assistance Division monitors the status of case processing in the circuit and district courts. Where problems are identified, the division staff contacts the appropriate officials and provides technical assistance. Semiannually, the division prepares special status reports detailing statistical trends in case filings or dispositions. Judges are provided a sumary of caseload statistics for their individual courts.

At the end of each fiscal year, the division prepares a more extensive summary of actions in each jurisdiction of the circuit and district court. Copies of this report are submitted to the individual courts, the Supreme Court, and the Alabama Judicial Study Commission.

The new weighted caseload system (CLR) will be available at the beginning of FY 1990. To implement the new system, Division staff visited several clerks' offices to verify the pending caseload and to train staff in case-counting methods.

The Court Assistance Division provides technical assistance and conducts special case management studies for individual courts as requested by the presiding circuit judges or the Chief Justice. In FY 1989, an analysis of all circuit and district courts was conducted. Fourteen circuit courts and two district courts were identified as being below the statewide average in three of four jurisdictions for case currency. Division staff provided technical assistance in the form of caseflow management practices and techniques to those courts requesting assistance. After a six-month period, nine circuit courts and both district courts showed marked improvement in caseflow. In FY 1989, technical assistance was also provided to nine other court sites.

Jury Management. The Court Assistance Division is responsible for overseeing jury management procedures in the trial courts. Efforts in the jury management area included the further expansion of the one-step summoning system, which utilizes the Department of Public Safety's driver license list. The division also updated and distributed the juror orientation video tape.

Judge and Court Reporter Assignments. The Court Assistance Division regularly assists the Chief Justice in the special assignment of judges to courts or cases because of recusals or circumstances which require temporary assignments. The division also assigns court reporters to assist retired and active judges when they are assigned outside their local courts or when emergency situations prevent the regular court reporter's attendance.

Special Projects. During FY 1989, the division directed studies and provided assistance on special projects.

Indigent Defense Services. The Court Assistance Division staff monitors the revenues and disbursements of each county and circuit and provides periodic reports to the circuit and district judges on the status of the fair trial tax revenues and disbursements statewide and in their own jurisdiction.

In July 1989, Chief Justice Hornsby appointed the Task Force on Indigent Defense. The Court Assistance Division coordinated the efforts and provided staff support for the task force. The recommendations of the Indigent Defense Task Force will be presented to the Judicial Study Commission in FY 1990.

Juvenile Court Services. The Court Assistance Division coordinates the provision of services to the juvenile courts and provides support for the Alabama Judicial Study Commission's Interagency Committee on Youth. During FY 1989, the Interagency Committee on Youth continued to sponsor projects in the area of truancy prevention and permanency planning. In addition, the committee sponsored its fourth Interagency Conference on Youth which was held in September 1989.

The staff of the Court Assistance Division, in conjunction with the Court Relations Division, provided key staff support for the Commission on the Future of the Alabama Juvenile Justice System, including the coordination of research for the commission and its task forces and preparation of the final commission report.

Child Support Enforcement. The division staff also works with trial courts and the Alabama Department of Human Resources in coordinating actions relative to the requirements of the IV-D Child Support Enforcement Program. The staff provides support to the Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on Child Support Enforcement and the Advisory Committee on Child Support Guidelines. During this fiscal year, the Advisory Committee on Child Support Guidelines drafted revisions to the state's Child Support Guidelines, Rule 32, Alabama Rules of Judicial Administration. The revised rule, which will establish

child support guidelines as a rebuttal presumption, was adopted by the Supreme Court on August 29, 1989, and will become effective October 9, 1989.

The division staff worked with the Department of Human Resources in developing and sponsoring regional education programs on application of the revised Child Support Guidelines. The division staff also worked with selected circuits in developing special training sessions for local attorneys practicing in the child support area.

Circuit and District Judges' Committee on Time Standards. In July 1989, the Chief Justice appointed circuit and district judges' committees to study and recommend improved case processing goals or time standards for the various jurisdictions of Alabama trial courts. The Court Assistance Division coordinates the provision of staff services and provides support for both committees. The report of this committee will be submitted to the Chief Justice during FY 1990.

Committee to Develop a Model Case Management Plan for the Civil Division of Jefferson County. In September 1989, the Chief Justice appointed the Committee to Develop a Model Case Management Plan consisting of judges, administrators, and lawyers. Maureen Solomon, national consultant on caseflow management, will assist the committee with analyzing the caseflow problems in the Birmingham Circuit Civil Division and developing a model plan to dispose of the backlogs, and to improve future case management. Division staff provides data analysis and research support to the committee.

Court Relations Division

The Court Relations Division, in conjunction with the Administrative Services Division, coordinates governmental relations with legislative and executive officials. In addition, the division serves as a liaison with other national, state, and local groups and professional associations designed to inform and educate the public.

The 1988 elections and subsequent appointments brought a large contingent of new judges and clerks to the system. The Court Relations Division coordinated orientation sessions for these new officials to acquaint them with administrative procedures at the Administrative Office of Courts.

The Court Relations Division oversees the use of referees in Title IV-D child support actions. Under a contract with the Department of Human Resources, 65 percent of referees' salaries, based on percent of time spent on Title IV-D cases, may be reimbursed. In FY 1989, the cost in three circuits required to have expedited procedures under Rule 35, ARJA, was $81,687; and $27,849 was received in reimbursements (Mobile County referees for child support are county funded). In addition, reimbursement totaling $6,555 was received for referees in two other circuits.

The Court Relations Division assisted in the preparations for the Courts' presentation at Legislative Budget Hearings on December 14, 1988. This entailed speech drafts and briefings on information relating to the courts' budget request.

During each legislative session, the Division publishes a weekly Legislative Digest which is distributed to 350 state and local judicial officials. In addition, first readings are sent weekly to the 21 members of the Court Legislative Steering Council. Copies of local legislation are sent to local officials in affected circuits and counties. In FY 1989, 61 bills were sent to 350 officials.

The Court Relations Division assisted with the arrangements for the Chief Justice's State of the Judiciary address to the Legislature on April 10, 1989.

The Court Relations Division assisted with the coordination of the investitures of the Chief Justice, an associate justice and a judge of the Court of Civil Appeals on January 16, 1989. In addition to the three investitures, four incumbent justices took their oaths of office for the new term.

Serving as administrator and staff consultant to the Commission on the Future of the Alabama Juvenile Justice System was the major project of the Court Relations Division in FY 1989.

All meeting logistics for the sessions of the commission and appointed task forces were the responsibility of the Court Relations Division. The Division gathered data and research documents essential to the work of the task forces and coordinated the review of all recommendations in preparation of the final document. The final report was published in September, 1989.

Alabama Judicial College

The Alabama Judicial College (AJC) is charged with sponsoring and coordinating orientation and continuing education for judges, clerks and other court officials, as well as employees of the Alabama Judicial System. The AJC presented 26 education

meetings in FY 1989 with 1,931 program participants.

Fiscal Year 1989 was highlighted by a number of outstanding judicial education conferences. The New Clerks Orientation in December 1988 dedicated three hours to personnel management and general administration practices.

The Circuit and District Judges Midwinter Conference in January 1989 dedicated a significant portion of the program to training on the Canons of Judicial Ethics. Senior Judge Tim Murphy, District of Columbia, and members of the Judicial Inquiry Commission and Court of the Judiciary served as faculty for the workshop.

Also held in January 1989 was a Media/Law Seminar which featured topics of interest to professionals in the legal and journalistic fields.

The Alabama Judicial College coordinated four annual conferences during the summer of 1989: the 46th Annual Conference of Clerks and Registers, the Circuit and District Judges Annual Conference, the Alabama Judicial Secretaries Annual Conference, and the Appellate Judges Annual Conference.

Specialized Programs. In Fiscal Year 1989, the Alabama Judicial College sponsored four specialized education programs through funds from several grant sources.

Faculty Skills Workshop. The Alabama Judicial College, in conjunction with the National Judicial College, conducted a Faculty Skills Workshop in January 1989. More than 30 judges received training on the philosophy and practical application of specific education techniques. The Faculty Skills Workshop was funded by a grant provided by the State Justice Institute. All participants in the program were trained to serve as faculty for New Judge Orientation.

Sentencing Institute II. The Alabama Sentencing Institute II, funded by an Edna McConnell Clark Foundation grant, featured an outstanding faculty of sentencing experts from across the country. Circuit and district judges, district attorneys, probation officers, and defense lawyers participated in the institute which featured programs on sentencing alternatives and the victim's role in sentencing. A highlight of the Institute, held in March 1989, featured Dr. Charles Ogletree, Harvard School of Law, who moderated a directed panel discussion on sentencing practices with representatives involved in the sentencing process.

Regional Sentencing Workshops. As a follow-up to the Alabama Sentencing Institute II, the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation funded six regional sentencing workshops in May 1989. These workshops were conducted in cooperation with the Department of Corrections and the Board of Pardons and Paroles at six correctional facilities across the state. Each workshop featured a tour of the facility, an overview of resources available from the Department of Corrections, and detailed explanations of scale of parole and incentive good time.

Victims Rights Workshop. A judicial training program on victims rights was funded by a grant from the National Organization for Victim Assistance. The objectives of the program were to heighten awareness of Alabama judges to the trauma of victimization and to present an overview of existing laws and public policies on victim rights. Twenty-two circuit and district judges attended the NOVA workshop.

Legal Division

The Legal Division of the Administrative Office of Courts provides the Chief Justice, Administrative Director of Courts, directors and staff of the Administrative Office with research and legal advice on matters associated with and affecting the formulation of policy and decisions regarding the operation and administration of the Alabama Unified Judicial System.

The legal staff responds to inquiries on a daily basis from judges, clerks, and other state officials, employees, and the public. During FY 1989, approximately 5,000 inquiries regarding a wide variety of topics were researched.

The Legal Division coordinates the preparation, review, and update of all manuals and publications. The UJS Forms Manual, Clerks and Registers Manual,and the Circuit and District Judges Sentencing Manual were revised during FY1989. A new Juvenile Judges Manual is slated for publication in early 1990.

Legal Notes, a monthly publication which includes an indexed summary of important points of law enunciated from selected opinions of Alabama's three appellate courts and the U.S. Supreme Court, is published by the legal staff.

The legal staff drafts legislation recommended by the Judicial System Legislative Council and the Alabama Judicial Study Commission. The staff also reviews legislation in each session of the legislature

and prepares constitutional position papers on local legislation pertaining to the judiciary.

The Chief Justice receives assistance from the legal staff in determining the eligibility of judges making application for retirement, and the eligibility of clerks, registers, and court reporters to assume supernumerary status. During FY 1989, the legal staff reviewed and processed retirement applications for 43 retiring officials

Legal representation with regard to litigation filed against judicial system officials and employees is coordinated through the Attorney General's office by the Legal Division. A total of 37 separate suits was coordinated in FY 1989. A favorable ruling was rendered in response to one EEOC complaint filed against the judicial system.

The Legal Division Director also serves as Director of the Judicial Study Commission, with responsibility for administrative support to the ongoing operation of this statutory commission. During FY 1989, the division provided staff assistance to the Task Force on Indigent Defense, the Commission on the Future of the Juvenile Justice System, and the Subcommittee on Uniform Commitment Procedures to the Department of Youth Services.

At the request of the Supreme Court, the division assists the court in reviewing local fine schedules submitted for approval pursuant to Rule 20(b), ARJA, and provides recommendations to the court.

In conjunction with the Management Information Division, the legal staff has assisted with the development of a civil case information system for trial courts, which should be implemented in FY 1990.

Municipal Court Operations Division

The Municipal Court Operations Division provides administrative and educational assistance to 274 municipal courts throughout Alabama. The division also administers the uniform traffic ticket and complaint program (UTC), and coordinates the statewide driving under the influence (DUI) court referral program.

Municipal Court Assistance Program. During FY 1989, the Municipal Court Operation division responded to inquiries from municipal officials regarding abolishing and reestablishing their courts. Two handbooks on abolishing or reestablishing municipal courts were rewritten.

Education of Municipal Court Officials. During FY 1989, regional seminars were conducted for municipal court and police officials, and two annual seminars were held.

In addition to the regional seminars, six sequential orientation programs were conducted for new municipal court clerks and magistrates. Approximately 30 to 45 court clerks and magistrates attended each session.

During this fiscal year, two municipal judges' training programs were conducted: the Municipal Judges In-Service Seminar was conducted at the University of Alabama Law School in Tuscaloosa, and the Municipal Judges Annual Conference was held in conjunction with the annual conference of the Alabama League of Municipalities.

Local training sessions on the UTC, traffic court, magistrate, and record-keeping issues were conducted in Coffee, Greene, Houston, and Chambers counties and at the Jacksonville Police Academy.

The division assisted municipal court clerks and magistrates in establishing a professional association, and in laying the ground work for a certification program. The goal is to create a system of rewards for growth and development among municipal court clerks and magistrates.

Technical Research and Assistance. The division provided a variety of technical research and assistance to court and law enforcement officials. Several handbooks were developed or updated to provide additional information in court operations. Updated handbooks include: Recent Attorney General Opinions, Recent DUI Cases, Municipal Court Clerks Forms and Procedures, Municipal Appeals, and The Prosecution of Worthless Checks and other Non-Traffic Cases.

On-site technical assistance was provided to 23 courts during the year. Division personnel worked with computer programmer/consultants and court employees in their efforts to computerize recordkeeping systems.

UTC Program. During FY 1989, emphasis was placed on court and law enforcement training on the use of the traffic ticket, the UTC Series L, recently approved by the Supreme Court. Specialized training sessions were held for the use of the Series L ticket with a large percent of the approximately 600 law enforcement agencies participating. More than one

million tickets were distributed to law enforcement agencies during FY 1989. Agency inventory figures reflect ticket usage is increasing by 10.7 percent per year. A supplement to the UTC manual was also developed and distributed to all law enforcement agencies and courts

Training on the use of the UTC was provided to newly-elected constables, to members of the LP gas board, and to the chief of enforcement and supervisory personnel of the Forestry Commission. Recent legislation authorizes members of the LP gas board to make traffic arrests and Forestry personnel to use the UTC for littering offenses.

The procedure for transmittal of UTCs from law enforcement officers to district courts was revised which reduced time, cost, and record space requirements. The UTC Transmittal Form, UTC-3, Plea of Guilty Waiver and Oath, UTC-7, and UTC-6B forms were revised and distributed to the courts. The Division assisted DPS in working with courts to increase accuracy and improve timeliness in reporting traffic case dispositions.

Court Referral Programs. On-site evaluations were conducted with 12 DUI court referral programs and 12 court referral officers. Statewide guidelines for DUI programs were revised and revisions were initiated for the Level I and Level II standardized curriculum guides. The state coordinating office provided certification workshops for 18 Level I and 15 Level II instructors.

The Administrative Office of Courts received a grant from the State Justice Institute to expand the CRO program in five additional areas, to evaluate its effectiveness and to determine its replicability in a pilot project with the Municipal Court of El Cajon, California. With these additions, approximately 44 counties receive services from 22 CROs.

Six statewide highway safety public awareness campaigns were co-sponsored with other governmental agencies. Two training sessions were sponsored for court referral officers and their supervisors in addition to a specialized training program on evaluation of defendants.

Workshops were presented on the DUI/CRO programs to court clerks, judges, law enforcement officials, probation officers, students and treatment center personnel. The Administrative Office of Courts participated in the Southeastern DUI Offender System Conference in Virginia designed to facilitate reciprocal agreements for the interstate transfer of defendants.

Of the 27,104 DUI convictions in 1988, 12,338 defendants completed the Level I DUI Court Referral Program, and 3,192 completed the Level II Program. This represented 57.5 percent of those convicted.

During calendar year 1988, Alabama's CROs evaluated and referred 13,759 defendants. Of these, 7,837, or 57%, were referred to Level I; 3,806, or 28 percent, to Level II; 486, or four percent, to inpatient treatment programs; and 317, or two percent, to outpatient programs; and 1,313, or nine percent to other services including self-help.

Rules Adopted by the Alabama Supreme Court

Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure

Rule 64	Seizure of Person and Property, **Alabama Reporter**, 535 So.2d LXI-LXIV, effective March 8, 1989
Rule 4(f)	Multiple Defendants; Incomplete Service; Dismissal of Fictitious Defendants, **Alabama Reporter**, 544 So.2d LXXX-LXXXI, effective June 20, 1989
Rule 77(dc)	Circuit Courts and Clerks, Committee Comments to Rule 77(dc), **Alabama Reporter**, 544 So.2d LXXXI-LXXXII, effective June 20, 1989

Alabama Rules of Criminal Procedure

Rule 22	Minute Entries, **Alabama Reporter**, 535 So.2d LXV-LXVIII, effective February 28, 1989

Alabama Rules of Judicial Administration

Rule 19	Alabama Uniform Traffic Ticket & Complaint, **Alabama Reporter**, 535 So.2d LXXVIII, effective January 25, 1989
Rule 19(A)(5)(b)	Courts, **Alabama Reporter**, 535 So.2d LXIX, effective February 8, 1989
Rule 31(D)	Method of Disposal, **Alabama Reporter**, 535 So.2d LXX, effective January 31, 1989
	Amendments to Judicial Administration Court Forms C-74, C-75, CS-41, CS-42, UTC-7, **Alabama Reporter**, 535 So.2d LXXXIX-XCVIII, effective February 8, 1989
Rule 19(A)(5)(b)	Responsibility for Accounting for UTCs, **AlabamaReporter**, 537 So.2d XCIII, effective February 8, 1989

Alabama Rules of Appellate Procedure

Rule 21(e)	Review in Supreme Court of Decisions of Courts of Appeals, **Alabama Reporter**, 533 So.2d XLIV-XLVI, effective December 6, 1988
Rule 39(a)	Method (L) Review in Supreme Court of Decisions of Courts of Appeals on Petitions for Extraordinary Writs, **Alabama Reporter**, 533 So.2d XLVI, effective December 6, 1988

Alabama Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement

Rule 1(a)	Disciplinary jurisdiction, **Alabama Reporter**, 535 So.2d LXXI, effective December 13, 1988
Rule 3(h)	Suspension for Noncompliance with the Alabama State Bar Client Security Fund Rules, **Alabama Reporter**, 535 So.2d LXXII-LXXIII, effective February 28, 1989
Rule 8(b)(2)	Grievance Committee's Records; Failure to Submit Report Within One Year; General Counsel's Records, **Alabama Reporter**, 535 So.2d LXXIV-LXXV, effective February 28, 1989

State Bar Client Security Fund Rules

Rule VIII	Shall carry the style "Assessment of Annual Fee." **Alabama Reporter**, 535 So.2d LXXVI, effective February 28, 1989
Rule XVII	Effect of Lawyer's Failure to Pay Assessed Fee, **Alabama Reporter**, 535 So.2d LXXVI, effective February 28, 1989

Legal Internship by Law Students in Alabama

Rule IV A.	Registration Requirement, **Alabama Reporter**, 535 So.2d LXXVIII, effective February 13, 1989

Records Retention Schedule One-A

Item No. 261	Uniform Traffic Citation and Supporting Forms - Traffic Tickets, 539 So.2d No. 3, **Alabama Reporter**, 540 So.2d No. 1, LXXVII, effective February 28, 1989

Act 89-876
The Child Sexual Abuse Victim Protection Act of 1989
Effective: May 17, 1989

This Act provides that out-of-court statements by children under 12 concerning an act that is a material element of a child sexual abuse crime may be admitted in criminal proceedings if:

1) The child testifies at the proceeding or by video tape or closed circuit television and is subject to cross examination; or
2) The child is unavailable to testify because of:
   a) death
   b) the defendant, or one on his behalf, has removed the child from the Court's jurisdiction
   c) child's loss of memory
   d) child's physical or mental disability
   e) child's incompetency or
   f) likelihood of the child suffering emotional trauma from testifying, and the out-of-court statement is shown to possess trustworthiness.

All findings of unavailability must be supported by expert testimony except removal from the Court's jurisdiction. The use of any out-of-court statement may be admitted only where there is probative evidence. This Act requires notice to the adverse party of the intention to use such statement and requires the court to inform the jury that the defendant was afforded no cross-examination when this statement was made. The Act lists factors the court shall consider in determining the trustworthiness of this statement and lists the crimes to which the Act applies. It is specifically provided that this Act applies only to such cases arising after May 17, 1989.

Act 89-857
Arrest Without A Warrant in Domestic Violence Cases
Effective: May 17, 1989

This Act amends Section 15-10-3, **Code of Alabama** 1975, to further provide for warrantless arrests. Specifically, the act allows an officer to make an arrest without a warrant when he has: (1) actual knowledge that a warrant for the person's arrest for the commission of a felony or misdemeanor has been issued, subject to certain conditions; (2) reasonable cause to believe that a felony or misdemeanor has been committed by the person arrested in violation of a protection order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction; (3) probable cause that an offense has been committed involving family violence as defined by this Act whether the offense is a felony or misdemeanor.

The Act also defines "family violence" and amends Section 15-10-3(b) to require that law enforcement officers investigating family violence make written reports of incidents regardless of whether an arrest is made.

Act 89-945
Retaking Parolees With or Without Arrest Warrants
Effective: May 19, 1989

This Act amends Section 15-22-31, **Code of Alabama** 1975, which pertains to retaking parolees with or without arrest warrants, to increase from 10 to 20 the number of days a parolee may be held on the order of the parole officer pending the arrival of the warrant as provided for in the Act.

Act 89-643
Pardons and Paroles Intensive Supervision Program
Effective: May 9, 1989

This Act authorizes the Board of Pardons and Paroles to establish an intensive supervision program for probationers and parolees and to determine which persons under supervision shall be assigned to such program. It also authorizes promulgation of regulations pertaining to conditions of supervision and collection of fees to defray the expense of administering the program.

Act 89-954
Summons for Municipal Ordinances
Effective: May 19, 1989

This Act authorizes municipalities to adopt, by ordinance, a summons and complaint procedure for use against persons charged with violating municipal ordinances which prohibit (1) littering (2) animals running at large, (3) and govern rabies control, (4) leash laws or (5) any Class C ordinance misdemeanor which does not involve violence, threat of violence, or alcohol or drugs.

The Act establishes the procedure for issuance of the summons, release, bail, and for final disposition, and further provides that before implementation the municipal governing body must adopt and post a schedule of fines for first, second, and subsequent offenders.

Act 89-809
Municipal Bail
Effective: July 1, 1989

This Act amends Sections 12-14-5 and 12-14-70 (c), **Code of Alabama** 1975, to increase the maximum amount of an appearance bond in municipal court to $1,000 and the maximum amount of appeal bonds to (1) twice the amount of the fine assessed in municipal court or (2) $1,000 where no fine is assessed.

Note: Prior to passage, the maximum bail for appearance and appeal bonds in municipal courts was $500. This amount was unrealistic due to the much higher fines which are now provided for DUI convictions.

Act 89-660
Implementation of Income Withholding to Satisfy Child Support Obligations
Effective: November 1, 1990

This Act amends Section 30-3-61, **Code of Alabama** 1975, to require immediate income withholding on any order entered at the request of the Department of Human Resources, except in cases where good cause not to do so is determined by the court or there is an agreement between parties not to have immediate implementation of income withholding. Further, the Act provides procedures for implementation of income withholding in those cases that income withholding orders are not implemented at the outset.

Act 89-663
Madison County District Judgeship
Effective: May 11, 1989

This Act provides for an additional district judge in Madison County. The judgeship will be filled in the general election of 1990 and take office in January 1991.

Act 89-955
East Division/West Division of Eighteenth Circuit
Effective: May 19, 1989

This Act divides the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit into two divisions: the Eastern Division consisting of Coosa and Clay Counties and Western Division conconsisting of Shelby County. Circuit Judge Place Number one shall be a resident of the Eastern Division and all remaining circuit judges shall be residents of the Western Division. Each circuit judge must have resided in the Division in which he serves for at least 12 months preceding his election or appointment and must reside in such division during his term in office.

All circuit judges, regardless of the division, shall continue to be elected by the qualified electors of the circuit-at-large.

The Act also creates Circuit Judgeship Place number 4 for the Western Division to be elected in the general election of 1992 and to take office in January 1993.

The Act also creates District Judgeship Place number 2 for Shelby County to be elected in the general election of 1990 and to take office in January 1991.

Act 89-798
Proposed Constitutional Amendment Authorizing the Legislature to Enact Laws Setting Local Costs and Validating All Past Local Laws Doing So.
Effective: May 11, 1989

(Upon Ratification of Amendment)

This Act proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to enact laws regulating costs and charges of court in certain political subdivisions. It also ratifies, approves, validates and confirms all general laws, local laws, population-based laws and other laws heretofore enacted by the legislature regulating costs and charges of courts.

JUDICIAL ROSTERS

Judicial Officials

September 30, 1989

ALABAMA SUPREME COURT

Sonny Hornsby, Chief Justice
Alva Hugh Maddox, Associate Justice
Richard L. Jones, Associate Justice
Reneau Pearson Almon, Associate Justice
Janie Ledlow Shores, Associate Justice
Oscar William Adams, Jr., Associate Justice
James Gorman Houston, Jr., Associate Justice
Henry B. Steagall, II, Associate Justice
Mark Kennedy, Associate Justice
Robert G. Esdale, Clerk

ALABAMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

Sam W. Taylor, Presiding Judge
William M. Bowen, Jr., Judge
John Caius Tyson, III, Judge
John M. Patterson, Judge
Henry W. McMillan, Jr., Judge
Mollie Sue Jordan, Clerk

ALABAMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS

Kenneth F. Ingram, Presiding Judge
William E. Robertson, Judge
Robert J. Russell, Judge
John H. Wilkerson, Jr., Clerk

APPELLATE COURT OFFICIALS

William C. Younger, Marshal/State Law Librarian
George E. Smith, Reporter of Decisions

FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Choctaw, Clarke, and Washington Counties

Circuit Judges
Hardie B. Kimbrough, Presiding Circuit Judge
J. Richmond Pearson, Circuit Judge

Choctaw County
D. Pedro Scurlock, III, District Judge
Donald R. Gibson, Circuit Clerk

Clarke County
Harold L. Crow, District Judge
A.Wayne Brunson, Circuit Clerk

Washington County
James T. Baxter, District Judge
Leo Howard, Circuit Clerk

SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Butler, Crenshaw, and Lowndes Counties

Circuit Judge
Arthur E. Gamble, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge

Butler County
Cleveland Poole, District Judge
Bobby T. Branum, Circuit Clerk

Crenshaw County
William R. King, District Judge
Ann W. Tate, Circuit Clerk

Lowndes County
A. Ted Bozeman, District Judge
Bruce Davis, Circuit Clerk

THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Barbour and Bullock Counties

Circuit Judge
William H. Robertson, Presiding Circuit Judge

Barbour County
William T. Gaither, District Judge
David S. Nix, Circuit Clerk

Bullock County
Dwight Hixon, District Judge
Curtis J. Elzie, Circuit Clerk

FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Bibb, Dallas, Hale, Perry, and Wilcox Counties

Circuit Judges
Charles A. Thigpen, Presiding Circuit Judge
J.C. Norton, Circuit Judge

Bibb County
James M. White, District Judge
R.L. Foster, Circuit Clerk

Dallas County
Nathaniel Walker, District Judge
William A. Kynard, Circuit Clerk

Hale County
William A. Ryan, District Judge
Betty Gale Pate, Circuit Clerk

Perry County
Richard M. Avery, Jr., District Judge
Mary C. Moore, Circuit Clerk

Wilcox County
Jo Celeste Pettway, District Judge
Willie L. Powell, Circuit Clerk

FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Chambers, Macon, Randolph, & Tallapoosa Counties

Circuit Judges
James A. Avary, Presiding Circuit Judge
Howard F. Bryan, IV, Circuit Judge
Philip Dale Segrest, Circuit Judge

Chambers County
Joel G. Holley, District Judge
Stella A. Pierce, Circuit Clerk

Macon County
Aubrey Ford, Jr., District Judge
Eddie Dean Mallard, Circuit Clerk

Randolph County
W. Patrick Whaley, District Judge
Kim S. Benefield, Circuit Clerk

Tallapoosa County
John P. Oliver, District Judge
Frank Lucas, Circuit Clerk

SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Tuscaloosa County

Joseph A. Colquitt, Presiding Circuit Judge
Jerome B. Baird, Circuit Judge
Paul S. Conger, Circuit Judge
John M. Karrh, Circuit Judge
Thomas S. Wilson, Circuit Judge
James C. Guin, III, District Judge
Gay M. Lake, Jr., District Judge
Doris T. Turner, Circuit Clerk
Elizabeth B. Hamner, District Clerk

SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Calhoun and Cleburne Counties

Circuit Judges
Malcolm B. Street, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge
Jack W. Hughes, Circuit Judge
Samuel H. Monk, III, Circuit Judge
Harold G. Quattlebaum, Circuit Judge

Calhoun County
Gus W. Colvin, District Judge
R. Allen Crow, District Judge
Larry F. Warren, District Judge
Richard Forrest Dobbins, Circuit Clerk
Barbara A. Swift, Register
Marie S. Tidwell, District Clerk

Cleburne County
W. Glea Sarrell, Jr., District Judge
Horace D. Perry, Circuit Clerk

EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Morgan County

Richard L. Hundley, Presiding Circuit Judge
C. Bennett McRae, Jr., Circuit Judge
Rudolph W. Slate, Circuit Judge
David H. Bibb, District Judge
David J. Breland, District Judge
Cleo D. Teague, Circuit Clerk
Gaynell L. Hall, Register
Melba S. Dutton, District Clerk

NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Cherokee and DeKalb Counties

Circuit Judges
Randall L. Cole, Presiding Circuit Judge
David A. Rains, Circuit Judge

Cherokee County
John D. Coggin, District Judge
Carolyn M. Smith, Circuit Clerk

DeKalb County
Lee C. Traylor, District Judge
Jimmy V. Lindsey, Circuit Clerk
Gloria R. Fortson, Register

TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Jefferson County

John N. Bryan, Jr. Presiding Circuit Judge

Birmingham Division
Joe G. Barnard, Circuit Judge
Jack D. Carl, Circuit Judge
Marvin Cherner, Circuit Judge
Charles R. Crowder, Circuit Judge
James S. Garrett, Circuit Judge
Arthur J. Hanes, Jr., Circuit Judge
James H. Hard, IV, Circuit Judge
Claude B. Hughes, Circuit Judge
William A. Jackson, Circuit Judge
Joseph J. Jasper, Circuit Judge
Howard Stuart Leach, Circuit Judge
Michael W. McCormick, Circuit Judge
Josh Mullins, Circuit Judge
Charles J. Najjar, Circuit Judge
J. Richmond Pearson, Circuit Judge
N. Daniel Rogers, Jr., Circuit Judge
Sandra Ross, Circuit Judge
P. Wayne Thorn, Circuit Judge
William J. Wynn, Circuit Judge
Wadell C. Zanaty, Jr., Circuit Judge
John H. Alsbrooks, Jr., District Judge
Elise D. Barclay, District Judge
Quentin Q. Brown, Jr., District Judge
Robert G. Cahill, District Judge
Donald R. Cruse, District Judge
Orson L. Johnson, District Judge
Jack Montgomery, District Judge
Gerald S. Topazi, District Judge
Polly Conradi, Circuit Clerk

Bessemer Division
Daniel J. Reynolds, Jr., Senior Circuit Judge
Ralph D. Cook, Circuit Judge
Roger D. Halcomb, Circuit Judge
Ralph E. Coleman, Jr., District Judge
James W. Patton, III, District Judge
Vincent J. Schilleci, Jr., District Judge
Earl N. Carter, Circuit Clerk

ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Lauderdale County

Leslie G. Johnson, Presiding Circuit Judge
Donald H. Patterson, Circuit Judge
N. Michael Suttle, Circuit Judge
Deborah B. Paseur, District Judge
Kenneth C. Austin, Circuit Clerk

TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Coffee and Pike Counties

Circuit Judges
Terry L. Butts, Presiding Circuit Judge
Riley P. Green, Jr., Circuit Judge
Gary L. McAliley, Circuit Judge

Coffee County
Thomas E. Head, III, District Judge
James C. Ellis, Circuit Clerk

Pike County
William G. Hightower, District Judge
Brenda M. Peacock, Circuit Clerk

THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Mobile County

Braxton Kittrell, Presiding Circuit Judge
John F. Butler, Circuit Judge
Robert L. Byrd, Jr., Circuit Judge
Charles H. Dodson, Jr., Circuit Judge
Douglas I. Johnstone, Circuit Judge
Robert G. Kendall, Circuit Judge
Cain J. Kennedy, Circuit Judge
Edward B. McDermott, Circuit Judge
Ferrill D. McRae, Circuit Judge
Michael E. Zoghby, Circuit Judge
Nicholas Kearney, District Judge (died 9/28/89)
Lionel L. Layden, District Judge
Dominick J. Matranga, District Judge
Michael E. McMaken, District Judge
Susan F. Wilson, Circuit Clerk
George W. Edgar, District Clerk

FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Walker County

James C. Brotherton, Presiding Circuit Judge
John L. Madison, Circuit Judge
Horace H. Nation, III, Circuit Judge
Larry E. Lapkovitch, District Judge
William H. Manasco, District Judge
Sylvester Anton, Circuit Clerk

FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Montgomery County

H. Randall Thomas, Presiding Circuit Judge
John W. Davis, III, Circuit Judge
Richard H. Dorrough, Circuit Judge
William R. Gordon, Circuit Judge
Mark G. Montiel, Circuit Judge
Joseph D. Phelps, Circuit Judge
Charles Price, Circuit Judge
Lynn Clardy Bright, District Judge
Sarah M. Greenhaw, District Judge
Craig Miller, District Judge
Debra P. Hackett, Circuit Clerk

SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Etowah County

Julius S. Swann, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge
William W. Cardwell, Jr., Circuit Judge
William H. Rhea, III, Circuit Judge
Donald W. Stewart, Circuit Judge
Robert E. Lewis, District Judge
C. Wayne Owen, District Judge
Billy S. Yates, Circuit Clerk

SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Greene, Marengo, and Sumter Counties

Circuit Judge
Claud D. Neilson, Presiding Circuit Judge

Greene County
Richard L. Osborne, District Judge
Johnnie M. Knott, Circuit Clerk

Marengo County
C. Kendall Snow, District Judge
Dewaine L. Sealy, Circuit Clerk

Sumter County
Eddie D. Hardaway, Jr., District Judge
G. Ronald Harwell, Circuit Clerk

EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Shelby, Coosa and Clay Counties

Circuit Judges

Robert R. Armstrong, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge
D. Al Crowson, Circuit Judge
John E. Rochester, Circuit Judge

Clay County
George C. Simpson, District Judge
Robert Giddens, Circuit Clerk

Coosa County
Robert J. Teel, Jr., District Judge
Gerald D. Parker, Circuit Clerk

Shelby County
Patricia M. Smith, District Judge
G. Daniel Reeves, Circuit Clerk

NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Autauga, Chilton, and Elmore Counties

Circuit Judges
John B. Bush, Presiding Circuit Judge
Stephen N. Drinkard, Circuit Judge

Autauga County
Phillip W. Wood, District Judge
Fred Posey, Circuit Clerk

Chilton County
Marise Mims Sandidge, District Judge
Mike Smith, Circuit Clerk

Elmore County
Thomas P. Stowe, Jr., District Judge
John L. Lazenby, Circuit Clerk

TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Henry and Houston Counties

Circuit Judges
Michael Crespi, Presiding Circuit Judge
Denny Holloway, Circuit Judge
Sidney E. Jackson, Circuit Judge

Henry County
Joseph J. Masters, District Judge
Connie J. Burdeshaw, Circuit Clerk

Houston County
William D. McFatter, District Judge
M. John Steensland, District Judge
Julia L. Trant, Circuit Clerk
Elizabeth A. Cummings, Register

TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Escambia County

Joseph B. Brogden, Presiding Circuit Judge
Bradley E. Byrne, Circuit Judge
Gordon R. Batson, District Judge
James D. Taylor, Circuit Clerk

TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Covington County

William H. Baldwin, Presiding Circuit Judge
Jerry E. Stokes, Circuit Judge
Charles T. Morris, District Judge
Roger A. Powell, Circuit Clerk

TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Madison County

Thomas N. Younger, Presiding Circuit Judge
Daniel B. Banks, Jr., Circuit Judge
Joseph L. Battle, Circuit Judge
Jeri W. Blankenship, Circuit Judge
William D. Page, Circuit Judge
C. Lynwood Smith, Jr., Circuit Judge
E. Dwight Fay, Jr., District Judge
Hartwell B. Lutz, District Judge
Billy D. Harbin, Circuit Clerk

TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Fayette, Lamar, and Pickens Counties

Circuit Judge
Clatus K. Junkin, Presiding Circuit Judge

Fayette County
Jerry L. Clary, District Judge
James E. Renfroe, Circuit Clerk

Lamar County
L. Ed Gosa, District Judge
Carl F. Woods, Circuit Clerk

Pickens County
Thomas B. Woodard, IV, District Judge
James E. Floyd, Circuit Clerk

TWENTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Marion and Winston Counties

Circuit Judges
Carlton Mayhall, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge
Bobby R. Aderholt, Circuit Judge

Marion County
James C. Cashion, District Judge
James O. Garrard, Circuit Clerk

Winston County
Robert Burleson, District Judge
William F. Bailey, Circuit Clerk
Joyce Martin, Register

TWENTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Russell County

Paul J. Miller, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge
Wayne T. Johnson, Jr., Circuit Judge
George R. Greene, District Judge
Albert L. Johnson, District Judge
Devon Kiker, Circuit Clerk
Carol Kiker, Register

TWENTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Marshall County

William D. Jetton, Presiding Circuit Judge
W. G. Gullahorn, Jr., Circuit Judge
Byron N. Waldrop, District Judge
Jean A. Scott, Circuit Clerk

TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Baldwin County

Thomas B. Norton, Presiding Circuit Judge
Charles C. Partin, Circuit Judge
James H. Reid, Circuit Judge
Pamela W. Baschab, District Judge
Jacquelyn Stuart, District Judge
Jacqueline Calhoun, Circuit Clerk
Eunice G. Tindal, Register

TWENTY-NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Talladega County

William C. Sullivan, Presiding Circuit Judge
Jerry L. Fielding, Circuit Judge
Tommy R. Dobson, District Judge
George N. Sims, District Judge
Samuel L. Grice, Circuit Clerk
Joe W. Ingram, Register

THIRTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Blount and St. Clair Counties

Circuit Judges
H. E. Holladay, Presiding Circuit Judge
Robert E. Austin, Circuit Judge

Blount County
John N. Dobson, District Judge
Michael E. Criswell, Circuit Clerk

St. Clair County
James B. Embry, Jr., District Judge
Jean Browning, Circuit Clerk

THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Colbert County

Inge P. Johnson, Presiding Circuit Judge
N. Pride Tompkins, Circuit Judge
George E. Carpenter, District Judge
C. Phillip Bowling, Circuit Clerk

THIRTY-SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Cullman County

Jack C. Riley, Presiding Circuit Judge
Fred C. Folsom, Circuit Judge
J. Wilfred Tucker, District Judge
Robert G. Bates, Circuit Clerk
Jeanell Raney, District Cler[1]

THIRTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Dale and Geneva Counties

Circuit Judges
P. Ben McLauchlin, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge
Charles L. Woods, Circuit Judge

Dale County
Val L. McGee, District Judge
Fred R. Steagall, District Judge
Bettye B. Garrett, Circuit Clerk

Geneva County
George A. Black, District Judge
Veleria H. Thomley, Circuit Clerk

THIRTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Franklin County

John D. Jolly, Presiding Circuit Judge
Benjamin H. Richey, District Judge
Joe Newton, Circuit Clerk

THIRTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Conecuh and Monroe Counties

Circuit Judge
Samuel H. Welch, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge

Conecuh County
Sue Bell, District Judge
Jean E. Riley, Circuit Clerk

Monroe County
William J. Causey, District Judge
John M. Sawyer, Circuit Clerk

THIRTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Lawrence County

Philip Reich, Presiding Circuit Judge
Randel H. Mullican, District Judge
William L. Smith, Circuit Clerk

THIRTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Lee County

James T. Gullage, Presiding Circuit Judge
Robert M. Harper, Circuit Judge
Richard D. Lane, District Judge
Michael A. Nix, District Judge
Annette H. Hardy, Circuit Clerk

THIRTY-EIGHT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Jackson County

W. Loy Campbell, Presiding Circuit Judge
Robert L. Hodges, Circuit Judge
Ralph H. Grider, District Judge
Leonard V. Griggs, Circuit Clerk

THIRTY-NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Limestone County

Henry W. Blizzard, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge
George T. Craig, District Judge
Charles D. Page, Circuit Clerk

Elections, Appointments, Retirements, and Resignations

APPELLATE COURTS

Incumbent appellate court justices and judges elected for terms beginning January 17, 1989

Alva Hugh Maddox, Associate Justice, Supreme Court

Oscar W. Adams, Jr., Associate Justice, Supreme Court

William M. Bowen, Jr., Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals

Appointed Justices elected for terms beginning January 17, 1989

Henry B. Steagall, II, Associate Justice, Supreme Court

New appellate court justices and judges elected for terms beginning January 17, 1989

Sonny Hornsby, Chief Justice, Supreme Court

Mark Kennedy, Associate Justice, Supreme Court

William E. Robertson, Judge, Court of Civil Appeals

Appointment to the Appellate Courts:

Robert J. Russell, Judge, Court of Civil Appeals
April 16, 1989

Appellate Justice Whose Service Ended in FY 1989

Clement Clay Torbert, Jr., Chief Justice, Supreme Court
January 16, 1989

Retirements from the Appellate Courts:

Samuel A. Beatty, Associate Justice, Supreme Court
January 16, 1989

Robert P. Bradley, Presiding Judge, Court of Civil Appeals
January 16, 1989

Richard L. Holmes, Presiding Judge, Court of Civil Appeals
April 15, 1989

CIRCUIT COURTS

Incumbent circuit judges reelected for terms beginning January 17, 1989 [Judge - Circuit]

Hardie B. Kimbrough, 1st
J. Richmond Pearson, 1st
Arthur E. Gamble, 2nd
John C. Norton, 4th
James A. Avary, 5th
P. Dale Segrest, 5th
Howard F. Bryan, IV, 5th
Thomas S. Wilson, 6th
John M. Karrh, 6th
Paul S. Conger, 6th
Joseph A. Colquitt, 6th
Jerry B. Baird, 6th
Malcolm B. Street, Jr., 7th
Samuel H. Monk, III, 7th
Harold G. Quattlebaum, 7th
C. Bennett McRae, 8th
Richard L. Hundley, 8th
Rudolph Slate, 8th
Randall L. Cole, 9th
James S. Garrett, 10th
Joseph J. Jasper, 10th
N. Daniel Rogers, 10th
Ralph D. Cook (Bessemer), 10th
Josh Mullins, 10th
Claude B. Hughes, 10th
Stuart Leach, 10th
Marvin Cherner, 10th
Jack D. Carl, 10th
James H. Hard, IV, 10th
Charles R. Crowder, 10th
Leslie G. Johnson, 11th
Terry L. Butts, 12th
Riley P. Green, Jr., 12th
Douglas I. Johnstone, 13th
Ferrill D. McRae, 13th
Michael E. Zoghby, 13th
Braxton Kittrell, 13th
Robert L. Byrd, Jr., 13th
Cain J. Kennedy, 13th
Edward B. McDermott, 13th
John F. Butler, 13th
Horace Nation, III, 14th
James C. Brotherton, 14th
Joseph D. Phelps, 15th
John W. Davis, III, 15th
H. Randall Thomas, 15th
Julius S. Swann, 16th
William W. Cardwell, 16th
Donald W. Stewart, 16th
Claud D. Neilson, 17th
Robert Armstrong, Jr., 18th
C. Lynwood Smith, 23rd
Thomas N. Younger, 23rd
William D. Page, 23rd
Clatus K. Junkin, 24th
Carlton Mayhall, 25th
Bobby R. Aderholt, 25th
William C. Sullivan, 29th
Jerry L. Fielding, 29th
N. Pride Tompkins, 31st
Jack C. Riley, 32nd
Fred C. Folsom, 32nd
P. Ben McLauchlin, Jr., 33rd
Charles L. Woods, 33rd
John D. Jolly, 34th
James T. Gullage, 37th
Robert L. Hodges, 38th

Appointed Circuit Judges elected for terms beginning January 17, 1989 [Judge - Circuit - Date]

William H. Robertson, 3rd, December 22, 1986
William A. Jackson, 10th, August 26, 1986
William H. Rhea, III, 16th January 13, 1987
John E. Rochester, 18th, January 16, 1987
John B. Bush, 19th, December 8, 1986
Michael Crespi, 20th, August 6, 1987
Joseph B. Brogden, 21st, January 1, 1986
Jeri W. Blankenship, 23rd, September 30, 1987
Charles C. Partin, 28th, November 26, 1985

New Circuit Judges elected for terms beginning January 17, 1989 [Judge - Circuit]

William J. Wynn, 10th
Michael W. McCormick, 10th
Sandra H. Ross, 10th
Donald H. Patterson, 11th
John L. Madison, 14th
Stephen N. Drinkard, 19th
Denny L. Holloway, 20th
Jerry E. Stokes, 22nd
Joseph L. Battle, 23rd
William C. Gullahorn, 27th
(appointed to vacancy October 4, 1988)
James H. Reid, 28th
Robert E. Austin, 30th
(appointed to vacancy November 14, 1988)
Samuel H. Welch, Jr., 35th
Philip Reich, II, 36th

Appointed circuit judges [Judge - Circuit - Effective Date]

Mark G. Montiel, 15th, January 17, 1989
D. Al Crowson, 18th, October 26, 1989

Circuit Judge elected to appellate courts

Mark Kennedy, Supreme Court

Circuit Judge Retirements [Judge - Circuit - Date]

C. W. Callaway, 10th, March 18, 1989
William H. Cole, 10th, January 16, 1989
Charles M. Nice, 10th, December 24, 1988
J. Edward Tease, 11th, January 16, 1989
James E. Wilson, 14th, January 16, 1989
John David Snodgrass, 23rd, January 16, 1989
Clark E. Johnson, 27th, October 3, 1988
Harry J. Wilters, Jr., 28th, January 16, 1989
Carl D. Nesmith, 30th, November 13, 1989
Robert E. L. Key, 35th, January 16, 1989
Billy C. Burney, 36th, January 16, 1989

Death of Circuit Judge

Walter C. Hayden, 19th, January 15, 1989

Circuit Judges whose service ended in FY 1989

Billie Joe Sheffield, 20th, January 16, 1989
Murland Smith 22nd December 31, 1988
(Died April 14, 1989)

DISTRICT COURTS

Incumbent district judges reelected for terms beginning January 17, 1989 [Judge - Circuit - County]

James M. White, 4th, Bibb
Joel G. Holley, 5th, Chambers
Sue A. Bell, 35th, Conecuh
Robert J. Teel, 18th, Coosa
William R. King, 2nd, Crenshaw
Robert E. Lewis, 16th, Etowah
C. Wayne Owen, 16th, Etowah
William D. McFatter, 20th, Houston
Jack Montgomery, 10th, Jefferson
Donald R. Cruse, 10th, Jefferson
Quentin Q. Brown, Jr., 10th, Jefferson
James W. Patton, III, 10th, Jefferson (Bessemer)
Vincent Schilleci, Jr., 10th, Jefferson (Bessemer)
Randel H. Mullican, 36th, Lawrence
A. Ted Bozeman, 2nd, Lowndes
C. Kendall Snow, 17th, Marengo
Nicholas Kearney, 13th, Mobile
(died Sept. 28, 1989)
Dominick J. Matranga, 13th, Mobile
Sarah M. Greenhaw, 15th, Montgomery
Craig Miller, 15th, Montgomery
David H. Bibb, 8th, Morgan
Richard M. Avery, Jr., 4th, Perry
William G. Hightower, 12th, Pike
George R. Greene, 26th, Russell
Jim B. Embry, Jr., 30th, St. Clair
Larry Lapkovitch, 14th, Walker
James T. Baxter, 1st, Washington
Robert Burleson, 25th, Winston

Appointed District Judges elected for terms beginning January 17, 1989 [Judge - County - Date]

George C. Simpson, 18th, Clay, January 16, 1987
Thomas E. Head, III, 12th, Coffee, January 19, 1987
William A. Ryan, 4th, Hale, February 12, 1987
E. Dwight Fay, 23rd, Madison, November 25, 1987

New District Judges elected for terms beginning January 17, 1989 [Judge - Circuit - County]

William T. Gaither, 3rd, Barbour
W. Patrick Whaley, 5th, Randolph
Gus W. Colvin, 7th, Calhoun
Robert G. Cahill, 10th, Jefferson
Elise D. Barclay, 10th, Jefferson
Jerry L. Clary, 24th, Fayette
(appointed to vacancy October 7, 1988)
Pamela W. Baschab, 28th Baldwin
Jacquelyn L. Stuart, 28th Baldwin
George N. Sims, 29th, Talladega
John N. Dobson, 30th, Blount
(appointed to vacancy November 21, 1988)
Benjamin H. Richey, 34th, Franklin
(appointed to vacancy December 28, 1988)
William J. Causey, 35th, Monroe

Appointed District Judges [Judge - Circuit - County - Date]

Cleveland Poole, 2nd, Butler, November 10, 1988
W. Glea Sarrell, Jr., 7th, Cleburne, February 15, 1989
William H. Manasco, 14th, Walker, February 6, 1989
M. John Steensland, 20th, Houston, January 26, 1989
Ed Gosa, Lamar, 24th, November 8, 1988
Tommy R. Dobson, 29th, Talladega, January 26, 1989

District Judge elected to appellate courts

William E. Robertson, Court of Civil Appeals

District Judge retirements
[Judge - Circuit - County- Effective Date]

Joe Tom Burns, 5th, Randolph, January 16, 1989
David M. Ensien, 24th, Fayette, October 6, 1988
Arthur Epperson, 28th, Baldwin, January 16, 1989
Phyllis Nesbitt, 28th, Baldwin, January 16, 1989
John W. Coleman, 29th, Talladega, January 16, 1989
Joe Gilliland, 34th, Franklin, December 22, 1988

District Judges whose service ended in FY 1989
[Judge - Circuit - County - Effective Date]

Jack W. Wallace, Jr., 3rd, Barbour, January 16, 1989
John W. Norton, 7th, Calhoun, January 16, 1989

Deceased district judges

Larry Pilgrim, 7th, Cleburne, February 6, 1989
Nicholas Kearney, 13th, Mobile, September 28, 1989

District Judges elected to circuit bench
[Judge - Circuit - County]

Michael W. McCormick, 10th, Jefferson (Birmingham)
Sandra Ross, 10th, Jefferson (Birmingham)
John Madison, 14th, Walker
Denny Holloway, 20th, Houston
Robert Austin, 30th, Blount
Samuel H. Welch, Jr., 35th, Monroe

CIRCUIT CLERKS AND REGISTERS

Incumbent Circuit Clerks reelected for terms beginning January 17, 1989 [Clerk/Register - Circuit - County]

Fred Posey, 19th, Autauga
David S. Nix, 3rd, Barbour
R. L. Foster, 4th, Bibb
Curtis J. Elzie, 3rd, Bullock
Bobby T. Branum, 2nd, Butler
Richard F. Dobbins, 7th, Calhoun
Stella A. Pierce, 5th, Chambers
Donald R. Gibson, 1st, Choctaw
Robert Giddens, 18th, Clay
Horace D. Perry, 7th, Cleburne
James C. Ellis, 12th, Coffee
C. Phillip Bowling, 31st, Colbert
Jean E. Riley, 35th, Conecuh
Gerald D. Parker, 18th, Coosa
Ann W. Tate, 2nd, Crenshaw
Robert G. Bates, 32nd, Cullman
Bettye B. Garrett, 33rd, Dale
William A. Kynard, 4th, Dallas
Jimmy V. Lindsey, 9th, DeKalb
John L. Lazenby, 19th, Elmore
James D. Taylor, 21st, Escambia
Billy S. Yates, 16th, Etowah
James E. Renfroe, 24th, Fayette
Joe Newton, 34th, Franklin
Veleria H. Thomley, 33rd, Geneva
Connie J. Burdeshaw, 20th, Henry
Julia L. Trant, 20th, Houston
Leonard V. Griggs, 38th, Jackson
Polly Conradi, 10th, Jefferson
Carl F. Woods, 24th, Lamar
Kenneth C. Austin, 11th, Lauderdale
William L. Smith, 36th, Lawrence
Annette H. Hardy, 37th, Lee
Bruce Davis, 2nd, Lowndes
Eddie D. Mallard, 5th, Macon
Billy D. Harbin, 23rd, Madison
Dewaine L. Sealy, 17th, Marengo
Jean C. Scott, 27th, Marshall
John M. Sawyer, 35th, Monroe
Debra P. Hackett, 15th, Montgomery
Cleo D. Teague, 8th, Morgan
James E. Floyd, 24th, Pickens
Devon Kiker, 26th, Russell
G. Ronald Harwell, 17th, Sumter
Samuel L. Grice, 29th, Talladega
Doris T. Turner, 6th, Tuscaloosa
Sylvester Anton, 14th, Walker
Leo Howard, 1st, Washington
William L. Powell, 4th, Wilcox

New Circuit Clerks elected for terms beginning January 17, 1989 [Clerk - Circuit - County]

A. Wayne Brunson, 1st, Clarke
Betty Gale Pate, 4th, Hale
Mary C. Moore, 4th, Perry
Kim S. Benefield, 5th, Randolph
(appointed to vacancy October 1, 1988)
Frank Lucas, 5th, Tallapoosa
Carolyn M. Smith, 9th, Cherokee
Earl N. Carter, 10th, Jefferson (Bessemer)
Brenda M. Peacock, 12th, Pike
Susan F. Wilson, 13th, Mobile
(appointed to vacancy December 5, 1988)
Johnnie M. Knott, 17th, Greene
G. Daniel Reeves, 18th, Shelby
Mike Smith, 19th, Chilton
Roger A. Powell, 22nd, Covington
James O. Garrard, 25th, Marion
William F. Bailey, 25th, Winston
Jacqueline Calhoun, 28th, Baldwin
Michael E. Criswell, 30th, Blount
Jean Browning, 30th, St. Clair
Charles D. Page, Jr., 39th, Limestone

Circuit clerks and registers who assumed supernumerary status [Clerk - Circuit - County - Effective Date]

S.A. Armistead ,1st, Clarke, January 17, 1989
Maxine Steindorff, 2nd, Butler, January 17, 1989
Mary G. Auburtin, 4th, Perry, January 17, 1989
J. Hardy Hendon, 5th, Randolph, October 1, 1988
Ruth Johnson, 5th, Tallapoosa, January 17, 1989
D.L. Cockrell, 10th, Jefferson (Birmingham),
January 17, 1989
W. Elsworth Haughton, 13th, Mobile, January 17, 1989
Kyle Lansford, 18th, Shelby, January 17, 1989
F. Ray Bozeman, 22nd, Covington, January 17, 1989
Pride Gann, 25th, Marion, January 17, 1989
Willouise Harper, 25th, Marion, January 17, 1989

Circuit Clerk Retirement

J.B. Vines, 10th, Jefferson (Bessemer), January 16, 1989

Circuit Clerks whose service ended in FY 1989
[Clerk - Circuit - County - Effective Date]

Sandra Livingston, 4th, Hale, January 16, 1989
Jerry G. Trammell, 9th, Cherokee, January 16, 1989
William C. Stone, 12th, Pike, January 16, 1989
Mary Etta Snoddy, 17th, Greene, January 16, 1989
Eloise Mims, 19th, Chilton, January 16, 1989
Christine Little, 25th, Winston, January 16, 1989
Eunice Blackmon, 28th, Baldwin, January 16, 1989
John Bobby Green, 30th, Blount, January 16, 1989
Stan H. Downey, 30th, St. Clair, January 16, 1989
Frances H. Rogers, 39th, Limestone, January 16, 1989

Death of Circuit Clerk

Maurice Castle, 13th, Mobile, December 1, 1988

Retired Judges Who Accepted Assignments in Trial and Appellate Courts in FY 1989

Ingram Beasley, Retired Circuit Judge
10th Judicial Circuit, Civil Division,
Birmingham

G. Ross Bell, Retired Circuit Judge
10th Judicial Circuit, Family Court,
Birmingham

Walter G. Bridges, Retired Circuit
Judge, 10th Judicial Circuit, Bessemer

Paul W. Brunson, Retired District
Judge, District Court of Mobile County

William I. Byrd, Retired Circuit Judge
5th Judicial Circuit

C. W. Callaway, Retired Circuit Judge
10th Judicial Circuit, Civil Division,
Birmingham

Eugene Carter, Retired Circuit Judge
15th Judicial Circuit

B. M. Miller Childers, Retired District
Judge, District Court of Dallas County

William H. Cole, Retired Circuit Judge
10th Judicial Circuit, Criminal
Division, Birmingham

John W. Coleman, Retired District
Judge, District Court of Talladega
County

Arnold Drennen, Retired District
Judge, District Court of Jefferson
County, Birmingham

Edwarrd P. Fowler,
Retired District Judge,
District Court of Marion County

Robert W. Gwin,
Retired District Judge, District Court
of Jefferson County, Birmingham

Thomas E. Huey, Jr., Retired Circuit
Judge, 10th Judicial Circuit, Civil
Division, Birmingham

Clark E. Johnson, Jr., Retired Circuit
Judge, 27th Judicial Circuit

Robert E. Lee Key, Retired Circuit
Judge, 35th Judicial Circuit

James E. Loftis, Retired District Judge
Distict Court of Autauga County

Telfair J. Mashburn, Retired District
Judge, 28th Judicial Circuit

Phyllis S. Nesbit, Retired District Judge
District Court of Baldwin County

Carl D. Nesmith, Retired Circuit Judge
30th Judicial Circuit

Robert M. Parker, Retired Circuit
Judge, 7th Judicial Circuit

Eris F. Paul, Retired Circuit Judge
12th Judicial Circuit

Newton B. Powell, Retired Circuit
Judge, 8th Judicial Circuit

D. L. Rosenau, Retired District Judge
District Court of Limestone County

Edward N. Scruggs, Retired Circuit
Judge, 27th Judicial Circuit

John D. Snodgrass, Retired Circuit
Judge, 23rd Judicial Circuit

J. Edward Tease, Retired Circuit
Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit

Douglas S. Webb, Retired Circuit
Judge, 21st Judicial Circuit

Jerry M. White, Retired Circuit
Judge, 20th Judicial Circuit

Kennedy Williams, Retired Circuit
Judge, 34th Judicial Circuit

James E. Wilson, Retired Circuit
Judge, 14th Judicial Circuit

Charles Wright, Retired Appellate
Judge, Court of Civil Appeals

Attorneys Who Accepted Assignments as Special Judges From The Alabama Supreme Court In FY 1989

Charles R. Adair, Jr., Dadeville
David Arendall, Birmingham
Dennis Bailey, Birmingham
Mike S. Ballard, Birmingham
Robert C. Black, Montgomery
Houston Brown, Birmingham
Rick L. Burgess, Birmingham
Neil C. Clay, Bessemer
Robert A. Cothren, Birmingham
Robert T. Cunningham, Sr., Mobile
William M. Dawson, Birmingham
L. Bruce Dickson, Birmingham
Hiram Dodd, Birmingham
C. Burton Dunn, Jefferson
John Falkenberry, Birmingham
Frank Farrish, Birmingham
H. Jadd Fawwal, Bessemer
R. A. Ferguson, Birmingham
Rick Francis, Pinson
William E. Friel, II, Birmingham
Mark L. Gaines, Birmingham
Timothy D. Garner, Dadeville
Cassandra Golden, Birmingham
Kenneth Gomany, Birmingham
Paul H. Hiebel, Montgomery
Richard Hynds, Birmingham
Marcus Jones, Birmingham
Bert Latham, Center
Ray D. Martin, Dadeville
Tommy Nail, Birmingham
Dick D. Nave, Homewood
Graydon L. Newman, Birmingham
John Percy Oliver, Dadeville
William D. Owings, Centreville
Fred Pickard, Birmingham
John C. Rockett, Bessemer
Donald J. Sides, Birmingham
George N. Sims, Talladega
Murray P. Stovall, III, Birmingham
Ruth S. Sullivan, Dadeville
Bill Veitch, Birmingham
Eugene R. Verin, Birmingham
Virginia A. Vinson, Birmingham
J. William White, Scottsboro
Louis Wilkinson, Birmingham
George W. Witcher, Jr., Gardendale

Court Associations

Alabama Association of Circuit Judges

Hon. Thomas N. Younger, President
Presiding Judge, 23rd Judicial Circuit

Hon. Randall L. Cole, 1st Vice President
Presiding Judge, 9th Judicial Circuit

Hon. John N. Bryan, Jr., 2nd Vice President
Presiding Judge, 10th Judicial Circuit

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Presiding Judge, 1st Judicial Circuit

Alabama Association of District Judges

Hon. Gerald S. Topazi, President
Judge, District Court of Jefferson County

Hon. Eddie Hardaway, Jr., President-Elect
Judge, District Court of Sumter County

Hon. Deborah B. Paseur, 1st Vice-President
Judge, District Court of Lauderdale County

Hon. Lionel L. Layden, Secretary
Judge, District Court of Mobile County

Hon. James M. White, Treasurer
Judge, District Court of Bibb County

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Hon. Sandra H. Ross, President
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	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	P	F #	F %	D #	D %	F #	F %	D #	D %
1ST CIRCUIT																			
Criminal	374	412	334	453	368	364	401	324	488	565	310	87	21.7	241	74.4	114	30.5	153	37.1
Choctaw	118	87	116	127	104	94	110	95	135	123	67	25	22.7	28	29.5	17	14.4	36	41.4
Clarke	155	195	158	246	195	212	207	174	267	341	186	60	29.0	167	96.0	112	72.3	146	74.9
Washington	101	130	60	80	69	58	84	55	86	101	57	2	2.4	46	83.6	- 15	-14.9	- 29	-22.3
Civil	352	390	362	362	395	387	403	375	487	479	478	84	20.8	104	27.7	135	38.4	89	22.8
Choctaw	82	80	86	93	95	93	109	103	106	158	138	- 3	- 2.8	55	53.4	24	29.3	78	97.5
Clarke	174	214	182	170	192	169	181	167	259	184	225	78	43.1	17	10.2	85	48.9	- 30	-14.0
Washington	96	96	94	99	108	125	113	105	122	137	115	9	8.0	32	30.5	26	27.1	41	42.7
Domestic	594	606	596	586	567	585	496	439	535	491	301	39	7.9	52	11.8	- 59	- 9.9	- 115	-19.0
Choctaw	144	139	159	156	126	144	116	120	136	125	67	20	17.2	5	4.2	- 8	- 5.6	- 14	-10.1
Clarke	261	311	263	250	251	237	223	152	235	200	185	42	18.8	48	31.6	4	1.5	- 111	-35.7
Washington	189	156	174	180	190	204	157	167	134	166	49	- 23	-14.6	- 1	- 0.6	- 55	-29.1	10	6.4
Total	1,320	1,408	1,292	1,401	1,330	1,336	1,300	1,138	1,510	1,535	1,089	210	16.2	397	34.9	190	14.4	127	9.0
Choctaw	344	306	361	376	325	331	335	318	377	406	272	42	12.5	88	27.7	33	9.6	100	32.7
Clarke	590	720	603	666	638	618	611	493	791	725	596	180	29.5	232	47.1	201	34.1	5	0.7
Washington	386	382	328	359	367	387	354	327	342	404	221	- 12	- 3.4	77	23.5	- 44	-11.4	22	5.8

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2ND CIRCUIT																			
Criminal	194	156	217	205	267	233	264	251	311	305	139	47	17.8	54	21.5	117	60.3	149	95.5
Butler	73	66	88	59	62	86	136	134	124	140	34	- 12	- 8.8	6	4.5	51	69.9	74	112.1
Crenshaw	65	41	53	79	98	64	71	77	87	104	25	16	22.5	27	35.1	22	33.8	63	153.7
Lowndes	56	49	76	67	107	83	57	40	100	61	80	43	75.4	21	52.5	44	78.6	12	24.5
Civil	208	153	206	170	213	173	210	221	237	223	279	27	12.9	2	0.9	29	13.9	70	45.8
Butler	74	67	87	85	87	75	104	94	119	127	80	15	14.4	33	35.1	45	60.8	60	89.6
Crenshaw	66	48	50	38	56	57	53	61	51	47	33	- 2	- 3.8	- 14	- 23.0	- 15	- 22.7	- 1	- 2.1
Lowndes	68	38	69	47	70	41	53	66	67	49	166	14	26.4	- 17	- 25.8	- 1	- 1.5	11	28.9
Domestic	368	329	333	323	322	339	245	254	343	295	91	98	40.0	41	16.1	- 25	- 6.8	- 34	- 10.3
Butler	226	209	179	182	191	200	150	149	166	151	38	16	10.7	2	1.3	- 60	- 26.5	- 58	- 27.8
Crenshaw	100	88	109	92	84	93	64	67	136	111	27	72	112.5	44	65.7	36	36.0	23	26.1
Lowndes	42	32	45	49	47	46	31	38	41	33	26	10	32.3	- 5	- 13.2	- 1	- 2.4	1	3.1
Total	770	638	756	698	802	745	719	726	891	823	509	172	23.9	97	13.4	121	15.7	185	29.0
Butler	373	342	354	326	340	361	390	377	409	418	152	19	4.9	41	10.9	36	9.7	76	22.2
Crenshaw	231	177	212	209	238	214	188	205	274	262	85	86	45.7	57	27.8	43	18.6	85	48.0
Lowndes	166	119	190	163	224	170	141	144	208	143	272	67	47.5	- 1	- 0.7	42	25.3	24	20.2

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3RD CIRCUIT																			
Criminal	333	382	242	349	260	359	413	370	390	392	179	- 23	- 5.6	22	5.9	57	17.1	10	2.6
Barbour	215	303	180	281	211	261	221	203	278	271	150	57	25.8	68	33.5	63	29.3	- 32	- 10.6
Clayton	73	89	44	74	43	54	68	85	59	43	32	- 9	- 13.2	- 42	- 49.4	- 14	- 19.2	- 46	- 51.7
Eufaula	142	214	136	207	168	207	153	118	219	228	118	66	43.1	110	93.2	77	54.2	14	6.5
Bullock	118	79	62	68	49	98	192	167	112	121	29	- 80	- 41.7	- 46	- 27.5	- 6	- 5.1	42	53.2
Civil	220	208	187	221	209	293	236	222	258	271	139	22	9.3	49	22.1	38	17.3	63	30.3
Barbour	156	169	130	167	152	223	150	164	143	158	79	- 7	- 4.7	- 6	- 3.7	- 13	- 8.3	- 11	- 6.5
Clayton	59	66	29	59	40	57	32	36	43	38	28	11	34.4	2	5.6	- 16	- 27.1	- 28	- 42.4
Eufaula	97	103	101	108	112	166	118	128	100	120	51	- 18	- 15.3	- 8	- 6.3	3	3.1	17	16.5
Bullock	64	39	57	54	57	70	86	58	115	113	60	29	33.7	55	94.8	51	79.7	74	189.7
Domestic	205	224	212	195	201	220	203	208	250	282	58	47	23.2	74	35.6	45	22.0	58	25.9
Barbour	150	175	158	152	160	166	171	186	193	225	48	22	12.9	39	21.0	43	28.7	50	28.6
Clayton	47	52	36	31	34	39	33	28	41	46	7	8	24.2	18	64.3	- 6	- 12.8	- 6	- 11.5
Eufaula	103	123	122	121	126	127	138	158	152	179	41	14	10.1	21	13.3	49	47.6	56	45.5
Bullock	55	49	54	43	41	54	32	22	57	57	10	25	78.1	35	159.1	2	3.6	8	16.3
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Barbour	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Clayton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Eufaula	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Bullock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	758	814	641	765	670	874	852	800	898	945	376	46	5.4	145	18.1	140	18.5	131	16.1
Barbour	521	647	468	600	523	652	542	553	614	654	277	72	13.3	101	18.3	93	17.9	7	1.1
Clayton	179	207	109	164	117	150	133	149	143	127	67	10	7.5	- 22	- 14.8	- 36	- 20.1	- 80	- 38.6
Eufaula	342	440	359	436	406	502	409	404	471	527	210	62	15.2	123	30.4	129	37.7	87	19.8
Bullock	237	167	173	165	147	222	310	247	284	291	99	- 26	- 8.4	44	17.8	47	19.8	124	74.3

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4TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal	612	637	569	604	619	437	611	483	899	613	950	288	47.1	130	26.9	287	46.9	- 24	- 3.8
Bibb	136	104	64	66	67	62	100	40	164	102	169	64	64.0	62	155.0	28	20.6	- 2	- 1.9
Dallas	282	343	351	270	337	208	355	252	502	346	560	147	41.4	94	37.3	220	78.0	3	0.9
Hale	60	61	44	54	48	34	31	29	48	32	35	17	54.8	3	10.3	- 12	- 20.0	- 29	- 47.5
Perry	37	53	51	43	81	59	50	85	106	48	96	56	112.0	- 37	- 43.5	69	186.5	- 5	- 9.4
Wilcox	97	76	59	171	86	74	75	77	79	85	90	4	5.3	8	10.4	- 18	- 18.6	9	11.8
Civil	525	822	484	572	542	450	516	515	658	596	858	142	27.5	81	15.7	133	25.3	- 226	- 27.5
Bibb	82	59	68	57	63	54	79	65	97	55	250	18	22.8	- 10	- 15.4	15	18.3	- 4	- 6.8
Dallas	255	484	282	320	302	235	251	244	312	310	338	61	24.3	66	27.0	57	22.4	- 174	- 36.0
Hale	46	50	39	46	47	53	65	58	109	83	84	44	67.7	25	43.1	63	137.0	33	66.0
Perry	74	62	41	51	61	49	63	57	78	72	88	15	23.8	15	26.3	4	5.4	10	16.1
Wilcox	68	167	54	98	69	59	58	91	62	76	98	4	6.9	- 15	- 16.5	- 6	- 8.8	- 91	- 54.5
Domestic	642	662	611	615	551	538	649	614	615	596	318	- 34	- 5.2	- 18	- 2.9	- 27	- 4.2	- 66	- 10.0
Bibb	83	78	82	75	89	70	96	88	122	106	77	26	27.1	18	20.5	39	47.0	28	35.9
Dallas	400	398	347	376	320	304	370	359	323	314	148	- 47	- 12.7	- 45	- 12.5	- 77	- 19.3	- 84	- 21.1
Hale	47	46	65	56	49	52	77	60	63	67	27	- 14	- 18.2	7	11.7	16	34.0	21	45.7
Perry	59	55	60	53	55	58	50	51	54	60	28	4	8.0	9	17.6	- 5	- 8.5	5	9.1
Wilcox	53	85	57	55	38	54	56	56	53	49	38	- 3	- 5.4	- 7	- 12.5	0	0.0	- 36	- 42.4
Juvenile	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	- 2	-100.0	- 2	-100.0
Wilcox	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	- 2	-100.0	- 2	-100.0
Other Counties	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	1,781	2,123	1,664	1,791	1,712	1,425	1,776	1,612	2,172	1,805	2,126	396	22.3	193	12.0	391	22.0	- 318	- 15.0
Bibb	301	241	214	198	219	186	275	193	383	263	496	108	39.3	70	36.3	82	27.2	22	9.1
Dallas	937	1,225	980	966	959	747	976	855	1,137	970	1,046	161	16.5	115	13.5	200	21.3	- 255	- 20.8
Hale	153	157	148	156	144	139	173	147	220	182	146	47	27.2	35	23.8	67	43.8	25	15.9
Perry	170	170	152	147	197	166	163	193	238	180	212	75	46.0	- 13	- 6.7	68	40.0	10	5.9
Wilcox	220	330	170	324	193	187	189	224	194	210	226	5	2.6	- 14	- 6.3	- 26	- 11.8	- 120	36.4

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5TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal	687	706	974	677	679	830	893	598	1,074	1,004	846	181	20.3	406	67.9	387	56.3	298	42.2
Chambers	219	207	208	187	217	185	309	208	404	304	357	95	30.7	96	46.2	185	84.5	97	46.9
Macon	82	140	295	124	96	157	128	95	201	167	123	73	57.0	72	75.8	119	145.1	27	19.3
Randolph	94	112	81	62	119	90	136	117	161	217	67	25	18.4	100	85.5	67	71.3	105	93.8
Tallapoosa	292	247	390	304	247	398	320	178	308	316	299	- 12	- 3.8	138	77.5	16	5.5	69	27.9
Alex City	179	114	192	173	156	226	128	71	148	169	173	20	15.6	98	138.0	- 31	- 17.3	55	48.2
Dadeville	113	133	198	131	91	172	192	107	160	147	126	- 32	- 16.7	40	37.4	47	41.6	14	10.5
Civil	612	575	680	557	682	664	720	583	846	593	841	126	17.5	10	1.7	234	38.2	18	3.1
Chambers	145	151	139	111	151	157	278	116	228	151	263	- 50	- 18.0	35	30.2	83	57.2	0	0.0
Macon	170	152	187	167	200	167	152	158	228	136	252	76	50.0	- 22	- 13.9	58	34.1	- 16	- 10.5
Randolph	88	115	112	89	125	117	117	118	131	125	95	14	12.0	7	5.9	43	48.9	10	8.7
Tallapoosa	209	157	242	190	206	223	173	191	259	181	231	86	49.7	- 10	- 5.2	50	23.9	24	15.3
Alex City	111	81	132	120	119	114	98	96	152	101	138	54	55.1	5	5.2	41	36.9	20	24.7
Dadeville	98	76	110	70	87	109	75	95	107	80	93	32	42.7	- 15	- 15.8	9	9.2	4	5.3
Domestic	1,080	1,017	997	1,007	1,042	1,021	970	904	1,007	864	490	37	3.8	- 40	- 4.4	- 73	- 6.8	- 153	- 15.0
Chambers	381	364	333	343	377	358	333	319	311	246	198	- 22	- 6.6	- 73	- 22.9	- 70	- 18.4	- 118	- 32.4
Macon	137	117	122	130	109	105	102	83	97	75	62	- 5	- 4.9	- 8	- 9.6	- 40	- 29.2	- 42	- 35.9
Randolph	180	162	168	163	168	180	196	183	184	176	45	- 12	- 6.1	- 7	- 3.8	4	2.2	14	8.6
Tallapoosa	382	374	374	371	388	378	339	319	415	367	185	76	22.4	48	15.0	33	8.6	- 7	- 1.9
Alex City	260	256	266	270	257	239	229	209	258	226	136	29	12.7	17	8.1	- 2	- 0.8	- 30	- 11.7
Dadeville	122	118	108	101	131	139	110	110	157	141	49	47	42.7	31	28.2	35	28.7	23	19.5
Total	2,379	2,298	2,651	2,241	2,403	2,515	2,583	2,085	2,927	2,461	2,177	344	13.3	376	18.0	548	23.0	163	7.1
Chambers	745	722	680	641	745	700	920	643	943	701	818	23	2.5	58	9.0	198	26.6	- 21	- 2.9
Macon	389	409	604	421	405	429	382	336	526	378	437	144	37.7	42	12.5	137	35.2	- 31	- 7.6
Randolph	362	389	361	314	412	387	449	418	476	518	207	27	6.0	100	23.9	114	31.5	129	33.2
Tallapoosa	883	778	1,006	665	841	999	832	688	982	864	715	150	18.0	176	25.6	99	11.2	86	11.1
Alex City	550	451	590	563	532	579	455	376	558	496	447	103	22.6	120	31.9	8	1.5	45	10.0
Dadeville	333	327	416	302	309	420	377	312	424	368	268	47	12.5	56	17.9	91	27.3	41	12.5

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6TH CIRCUIT Tuscaloosa																			
Criminal	1,199	1,203	1,103	1,149	1,236	1,071	1,200	1,059	1,524	1,413	1,211	324	27.0	354	33.4	325	27.1	210	17.5
Civil	949	985	1,162	1,132	1,164	1,128	1,058	1,123	1,318	1,230	775	260	24.6	107	9.5	369	38.9	245	24.9
Domestic	2,481	2,239	2,361	2,530	3,069	2,560	2,441	2,555	1,564	1,508	631	- 877	- 35.9	- 1,047	- 41.0	- 917	- 37.0	- 731	- 32.6
Juvenile	955	995	854	915	972	953	1,481	1,360	2,334	2,052	962	853	57.6	692	50.9	1,379	144.4	1,057	106.2
Total	5,584	5,422	5,480	5,726	6,441	5,712	6,180	6,097	6,740	6,203	3,579	560	9.1	106	1.7	1,156	20.7	781	14.4
7TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal	1,282	1,347	1,172	1,099	1,579	1,431	1,102	1,290	1,441	1,259	579	339	30.8	- 31	- 2.4	159	12.4	- 88	- 6.5
Calhoun	1,226	1,296	1,155	1,077	1,496	1,378	1,025	1,249	1,384	1,191	549	359	35.0	- 58	- 4.6	158	12.9	- 105	- 8.1
Cleburne	56	51	17	22	83	53	77	41	57	68	30	- 20	- 26.0	27	65.9	1	1.8	17	33.3
Civil	817	795	816	772	872	771	827	889	908	872	907	81	9.8	- 17	- 1.9	91	11.1	77	9.7
Calhoun	766	766	772	724	824	736	775	830	848	818	848	73	9.4	- 12	- 1.4	82	10.7	52	6.8
Cleburne	51	29	44	48	48	35	52	59	60	54	59	8	15.4	- 5	- 8.5	9	17.6	25	86.2
Domestic	2,004	1,922	1,894	1,691	2,290	1,978	1,687	1,742	1,710	1,688	484	23	1.4	- 54	- 3.1	- 294	- 14.7	- 234	- 12.2
Calhoun	1,854	1,783	1,735	1,542	2,155	1,825	1,572	1,619	1,585	1,564	455	13	0.8	- 55	- 3.4	- 269	- 14.5	- 219	- 12.3
Cleburne	150	139	159	149	135	153	115	123	125	124	29	10	8.7	1	0.8	- 25	- 16.7	- 15	- 10.8
Juvenile	1,214	1,288	1,308	1,244	1,723	1,459	1,695	1,774	2,189	2,046	1,098	494	29.1	272	15.3	975	80.3	758	58.9
Calhoun	1,170	1,205	1,237	1,213	1,593	1,357	1,573	1,612	2,117	1,956	1,063	544	34.6	344	21.3	947	80.9	751	62.3
Cleburne	44	83	71	31	130	102	122	162	72	90	35	- 50	- 41.0	- 72	- 44.4	28	63.6	7	8.4
Total	5,317	5,352	5,190	4,806	6,464	5,639	5,311	5,695	6,248	5,865	3,068	937	17.6	170	3.0	931	17.5	513	9.6
Calhoun	5,016	5,050	4,899	4,556	6,068	5,296	4,945	5,310	5,934	5,529	2,915	989	20.0	219	4.1	918	18.3	479	9.5
Cleburne	301	302	291	250	396	343	366	385	314	336	153	- 52	- 14.2	- 49	- 12.7	13	4.3	34	11.3

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8TH CIRCUIT Morgan																			
Criminal	754	786	980	797	939	1,424	757	1,080	1,313	1,228	838	556	73.4	148	13.7	559	74.1	442	56.2
Civil	528	804	532	611	631	500	627	710	595	565	871	- 32	- 5.1	- 145	- 20.4	67	12.7	- 239	- 29.7
Domestic	1,022	967	1,244	1,284	1,148	1,130	1,006	1,035	1,113	1,134	211	107	10.6	99	9.6	91	8.9	167	17.3
Total	2,304	2,557	2,756	2,692	2,718	3,054	2,390	2,825	3,021	2,927	1,920	631	26.4	102	3.6	717	31.1	370	14.5
9TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal	363	455	596	394	476	518	562	528	757	767	622	195	34.7	239	45.3	394	108.5	312	68.6
Cherokee	81	119	113	81	134	138	130	95	178	290	72	48	36.9	195	205.3	97	119.8	171	143.7
DeKalb	282	336	483	313	342	380	432	433	579	477	550	147	34.0	44	10.2	297	105.3	141	42.0
Civil	506	427	493	452	495	467	501	474	480	555	625	- 21	- 4.2	81	17.1	- 26	- 5.1	128	30.0
Cherokee	116	90	80	83	108	75	147	134	117	133	104	- 30	- 20.4	- 1	- 0.7	1	0.9	43	47.8
DeKalb	390	337	413	369	387	392	354	340	363	422	521	9	2.5	82	24.1	- 27	- 6.9	85	25.2
Domestic	840	877	883	949	856	871	869	889	840	911	434	- 29	- 3.3	22	2.5	0	0.0	34	3.9
Cherokee	180	194	210	192	186	183	223	214	185	210	42	- 38	- 17.0	- 4	- 1.9	5	2.8	16	8.2
DeKalb	660	683	673	757	670	688	646	675	655	701	392	9	1.4	26	3.9	- 5	- 0.8	18	2.6
Total	1,709	1,759	1,972	1,795	1,827	1,856	1,932	1,891	2,077	2,233	1,681	145	7.5	342	18.1	368	21.5	474	26.9
Cherokee	377	403	403	356	428	396	500	443	480	633	218	- 20	- 4.0	190	42.9	103	27.3	230	57.1
DeKalb	1,332	1,356	1,569	1,439	1,399	1,460	1,432	1,448	1,597	1,600	1,463	165	11.5	152	10.5	265	19.9	244	18.0

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10TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
Jefferson	5,271	4,530	5,679	5,811	6,229	5,314	5,818	5,079	7,812	6,232	4,338	1,994	34.3	1,153	22.7	2,541	48.2	1,702	37.6
Birmingham	3,999	3,490	4,083	4,292	4,607	3,963	4,267	3,500	6,030	4,304	2,955	1,763	41.3	804	23.0	2,031	50.8	814	23.3
Bessemer	1,272	1,040	1,596	1,519	1,622	1,351	1,551	1,579	1,782	1,928	1,383	231	14.9	349	22.1	510	40.1	888	85.4
Civil																			
Jefferson	9,025	8,054	9,297	7,880	10,434	8,791	9,752	9,912	10,846	9,678	19,299	1,094	11.2	- 234	- 2.4	1,821	20.2	1,624	20.2
Birmingham	8,269	7,468	8,590	7,235	9,636	8,085	8,994	9,175	10,073	8,961	17,974	1,079	12.0	- 214	- 2.3	1,804	21.8	1,493	20.0
Bessemer	756	586	707	645	798	706	758	737	773	717	1,325	15	2.0	- 20	- 2.7	17	2.2	131	22.4
Domestic																			
Jefferson	7,289	7,246	7,455	7,255	7,173	7,298	6,854	6,831	7,106	6,899	2,402	252	3.7	68	1.0	- 183	- 2.5	- 347	- 4.8
Birmingham	6,384	6,306	6,509	6,303	6,259	6,320	5,881	5,891	6,053	5,875	1,913	172	2.9	- 16	- 0.3	- 331	- 5.2	- 431	- 6.8
Bessemer	905	940	946	952	914	978	973	940	1,053	1,024	489	80	8.2	84	8.9	148	16.4	84	8.9
Juvenile																			
Jefferson	6,586	7,307	5,524	8,731	7,294	5,570	7,235	6,288	7,299	7,301	1,859	64	0.9	1,013	16.1	713	10.8	- 6	- 0.1
Birmingham	6,586	7,307	5,524	8,731	7,294	5,570	7,235	6,288	7,299	7,301	1,859	64	0.9	1,013	16.1	713	10.8	- 6	- 0.1
Bessemer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total																			
Jefferson	28,171	27,137	27,955	29,677	31,130	26,973	29,659	28,110	33,063	30,110	27,898	3,404	11.5	2,000	7.1	4,892	17.4	2,973	11.0
Birmingham	25,238	24,571	24,706	26,561	27,796	23,938	26,377	24,854	29,455	26,441	24,701	3,078	11.7	1,587	6.4	4,217	16.7	1,870	7.6
Bessemer	2,933	2,566	3,249	3,116	3,334	3,035	3,282	3,256	3,608	3,669	3,197	326	9.9	413	12.7	675	23.0	1,103	43.0

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11TH CIRCUIT Lauderdale																			
Criminal	795	712	571	602	605	549	592	590	592	610	263	0	0.0	20	3.4	- 203	- 25.5	- 102	- 14.3
Civil	612	593	630	589	689	657	649	676	599	663	594	- 50	- 7.7	- 13	- 1.9	- 13	- 2.1	70	11.8
Domestic	849	872	892	887	848	805	882	903	857	796	284	- 25	- 2.8	- 107	- 11.8	8	0.9	- 76	- 8.7
Juvenile	996	1,304	893	851	824	908	1,049	1,199	856	707	630	- 193	- 18.4	- 492	- 41.0	- 140	0.0	- 597	0.0
Total	3,252	3,481	2,986	2,929	2,966	2,919	3,172	3,368	2,904	2,776	1,771	- 268	- 8.4	- 592	- 17.6	- 348	- 10.7	- 705	- 20.3
12TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal	279	374	743	349	330	420	545	492	569	444	243	24	4.4	-48	-9.8	290	103.9	70	18.7
Coffee	171	223	515	190	207	309	303	252	326	279	132	23	7.6	27	10.7	155	90.6	56	25.1
Elba	36	71	76	35	71	63	66	58	61	39	41	- 5	- 7.6	- 19	- 32.8	25	69.4	- 32	- 45.1
Enterprise	135	152	439	155	136	246	237	194	265	240	91	28	11.8	46	23.7	130	96.3	88	57.9
Pike	108	151	228	159	123	111	242	240	243	165	111	1	0.4	- 75	- 31.3	135	125.0	14	9.3
Civil	425	499	462	400	514	420	510	508	459	403	725	- 51	- 10.0	- 105	- 20.7	34	8.0	- 96	- 19.2
Coffee	293	372	300	240	344	277	328	345	302	262	575	- 26	- 7.9	- 83	- 24.1	9	3.1	- 110	- 29.6
Elba	101	101	92	99	111	88	102	142	89	94	127	- 13	- 12.7	- 48	- 33.8	- 12	- 11.9	- 7	- 6.9
Enterprise	192	271	208	141	233	189	226	203	213	168	448	- 13	- 5.8	- 35	- 17.2	21	10.9	- 103	- 38.0
Pike	132	127	162	160	170	143	182	163	157	141	150	- 25	- 13.7	- 22	- 13.5	25	18.9	14	11.0
Domestic	833	818	824	803	848	818	835	808	822	802	413	- 13	- 1.6	- 6	- 0.7	- 11	- 1.3	- 16	- 2.0
Coffee	594	582	581	568	586	553	541	532	563	557	338	22	4.1	25	4.7	- 31	- 5.2	- 25	- 4.3
Elba	136	161	130	119	126	110	114	131	128	126	29	14	12.3	- 5	- 3.8	- 8	- 5.9	- 35	- 21.7
Enterprise	458	421	451	449	460	443	427	401	435	431	309	8	1.9	30	7.5	- 23	- 5.0	10	2.4
Pike	239	236	243	235	262	265	294	276	259	245	75	- 35	- 11.9	- 31	- 11.2	20	8.4	9	3.8
Total	1,537	1,691	2,029	1,552	1,692	1,658	1,890	1,808	1,850	1,649	1,381	- 40	- 2.1	- 159	- 8.8	313	20.4	- 42	- 2.5
Coffee	1,058	1,177	1,396	998	1,137	1,139	1,172	1,129	1,191	1,098	1,045	19	1.6	- 31	- 2.7	133	12.6	- 79	- 6.7
Elba	273	333	298	253	308	261	282	331	278	259	197	- 4	- 1.4	- 72	- 21.8	5	1.8	- 74	- 22.2
Enterprise	785	844	1,098	745	829	878	890	798	913	839	848	23	2.6	41	5.1	128	16.3	- 5	- 0.6
Pike	479	514	633	554	555	519	718	679	659	551	336	- 59	- 8.2	- 128	- 18.9	180	37.6	37	7.2

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13TH CIRCUIT Mobile																			
Criminal	3,535	4,143	3,533	3,749	3,373	3,432	3,132	3,466	4,309	3,744	2,275	1,177	37.6	278	8.0	774	21.9	- 399	- 9.6
Civil	3,526	3,767	3,686	3,934	4,052	4,237	3,836	4,464	4,228	4,160	3,623	392	10.2	- 304	- 6.8	702	19.9	393	10.4
Domestic	5,016	4,916	5,023	4,964	4,653	4,710	4,504	4,725	4,563	4,683	1,172	59	1.3	- 42	- 0.9	- 453	- 9.0	- 233	- 4.7
Juvenile	4,675	6,070	4,784	6,727	8,464	5,800	10,545	5,799	8,592	6,114	2,110	- 1,953	- 18.5	315	5.4	3,917	83.8	44	0.7
Total	16,752	18,896	17,026	19,374	20,542	18,179	22,017	18,454	21,692	18,701	9,180	- 325	- 1.5	247	1.3	4,940	29.5	- 195	- 1.0
14TH CIRCUIT Walker																			
Criminal	302	326	360	407	381	302	340	338	546	865	203	206	60.6	527	155.9	244	80.8	539	165.3
Civil	378	348	457	401	509	471	530	473	592	705	789	62	11.7	232	49.0	214	56.6	357	102.6
Domestic	891	1,097	856	900	869	920	790	869	777	748	279	- 13	- 1.6	- 121	- 13.9	- 114	- 12.8	- 349	- 31.8
Juvenile	382	368	440	404	436	439	523	439	32	65	0	- 491	- 93.9	- 374	- 85.2	- 350	- 91.6	- 303	- 82.3
Total	1,953	2,139	2,113	2,112	2,195	2,132	2,183	2,119	1,947	2,383	1,271	- 236	- 10.8	264	12.5	- 6	- 0.3	244	11.4
15TH CIRCUIT Montgomery																			
Criminal	2,184	2,122	2,304	2,574	2,230	2,391	2,611	1,934	2,752	2,406	1,323	141	5.4	472	24.4	568	26.0	284	13.4
Civil	2,000	1,728	2,026	1,936	2,093	2,042	2,270	1,988	2,761	2,279	2,301	491	21.6	291	14.6	761	38.1	551	31.9
Domestic	3,611	3,703	3,494	3,651	3,516	3,493	3,303	3,295	2,923	2,885	810	- 380	- 11.5	- 410	- 12.4	- 688	- 19.1	- 818	- 22.1
Juvenile	3,750	3,927	4,125	3,767	4,520	4,230	4,589	4,232	4,722	3,961	2,929	133	2.9	- 271	- 6.4	972	25.9	34	0.9
Total	11,545	11,480	11,949	11,928	12,359	12,156	12,773	11,449	13,158	11,531	7,363	385	3.0	82	0.7	1,613	14.0	51	0.4

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16TH CIRCUIT Etowah																			
Criminal	1,162	1,273	1,129	973	1,411	1,081	1,826	1,486	1,331	1,812	564	- 495	- 27.1	326	21.9	169	14.5	539	42.3
Civil	931	928	937	867	1,016	957	1,008	933	1,091	1,084	1,115	83	8.2	151	16.2	160	17.2	156	16.8
Domestic	1,180	1,215	1,348	1,289	1,315	1,352	1,238	1,163	1,214	1,208	401	- 24	- 1.9	45	3.9	34	2.9	- 7	- 0.6
Total	3,273	3,416	3,414	3,129	3,742	3,390	4,072	3,582	3,636	4,104	2,080	- 436	- 10.7	522	14.6	363	11.1	688	20.1
17TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal	358	340	306	339	371	249	346	291	405	416	271	59	17.1	125	43.0	47	13.1	76	22.4
Greene	58	69	45	47	60	35	73	64	66	55	39	- 7	- 9.6	- 9	- 14.1	8	13.8	- 14	- 20.3
Marengo	202	214	168	145	160	128	236	158	213	284	147	- 23	- 9.7	126	79.7	11	5.4	70	32.7
Sumter	98	57	93	147	151	86	37	69	126	77	85	89	240.5	8	11.6	28	28.6	20	35.1
Civil	279	236	260	247	240	247	243	221	307	241	295	64	26.3	20	9.0	28	10.0	5	2.1
Greene	60	51	55	48	47	74	55	60	66	39	90	11	20.0	- 21	- 35.0	6	10.0	- 12	- 23.5
Marengo	136	136	126	138	123	108	130	107	167	137	141	37	28.5	30	28.0	31	22.8	1	0.7
Sumter	83	49	79	61	70	65	58	54	74	65	64	16	27.6	11	20.4	- 9	- 10.8	16	32.7
Domestic	300	273	316	294	271	295	281	270	284	262	113	3	1.1	- 8	- 3.0	- 16	- 5.3	- 11	- 4.0
Greene	38	43	60	58	38	41	56	42	35	42	11	- 21	- 37.5	0	0.0	- 3	- 7.9	- 1	- 2.3
Marengo	174	152	168	179	144	161	155	158	161	140	71	6	3.9	- 18	- 11.4	- 13	- 7.5	- 12	- 7.9
Sumter	88	78	88	57	89	93	70	70	88	80	31	18	25.7	10	14.3	0	0.0	2	2.6
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	319	213	632	642	507	427	448	- 125	- 19.8	- 215	- 33.5	507	0.0	427	0.0
Greene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Marengo	0	0	0	0	101	29	135	138	48	81	0	- 87	- 64.4	- 57	- 41.3	48	0.0	81	0.0
Sumter	0	0	0	0	218	184	497	504	459	346	448	- 38	- 7.6	- 158	- 31.3	459	0.0	346	0.0
Total	937	849	882	880	1,201	1,004	1,502	1,424	1,503	1,346	1,127	1	0.1	- 78	- 5.5	566	60.4	497	58.5
Greene	156	163	160	153	145	150	184	166	167	136	140	- 17	- 9.2	- 30	- 18.1	11	7.1	- 27	- 16.6
Marengo	512	502	462	462	528	426	656	561	589	642	359	- 67	- 10.2	81	14.4	77	15.0	140	27.9
Sumter	269	184	260	265	528	428	662	697	747	568	628	85	12.8	- 129	- 18.5	478	177.7	384	208.7

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18TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal	556	581	639	587	834	519	666	1,021	1,082	971	530	416	62.5	- 50	- 4.9	526	94.6	390	67.1
Clay	106	105	92	101	61	76	75	165	143	106	69	68	90.7	- 59	- 35.8	37	34.9	1	1.0
Coosa	62	66	75	79	73	48	65	81	216	181	59	151	232.3	100	123.5	154	248.4	115	174.2
Shelby	388	410	472	407	700	395	526	775	723	684	402	197	37.5	- 91	- 11.7	335	86.3	274	66.8
Civil	606	492	664	520	760	584	853	579	897	793	1,231	44	5.2	214	37.0	291	48.0	301	61.2
Clay	67	80	82	71	73	63	76	68	70	73	108	- 6	- 7.9	5	7.4	3	4.5	- 7	- 8.8
Coosa	49	54	49	46	49	35	47	54	69	54	63	22	46.8	0	0.0	20	40.8	0	0.0
Shelby	490	358	533	403	638	486	730	457	758	666	1,060	28	3.8	209	45.7	268	54.7	308	86.0
Domestic	846	815	949	852	904	973	851	816	934	943	383	83	9.8	127	15.6	88	10.4	128	15.7
Clay	121	128	127	129	119	125	96	103	119	103	45	23	24.0	0	0.0	- 2	- 1.7	- 25	- 19.5
Coosa	81	104	114	90	95	107	80	84	70	72	25	- 10	- 12.5	- 12	- 14.3	- 11	- 13.6	- 32	- 30.8
Shelby	644	583	708	633	690	741	675	629	745	768	313	70	10.4	139	22.1	101	15.7	185	31.7
Total	2,008	1,888	2,252	1,959	2,498	2,076	2,370	2,416	2,913	2,707	2,144	543	22.9	291	12.0	905	45.1	819	43.4
Clay	294	313	301	301	253	264	247	336	332	282	222	85	34.4	- 54	- 16.1	38	12.9	- 31	- 9.9
Coosa	192	224	238	215	217	190	192	219	355	307	147	163	84.9	88	40.2	163	84.9	83	37.1
Shelby	1,522	1,351	1,713	1,443	2,028	1,622	1,931	1,861	2,226	2,118	1,775	295	15.3	257	13.8	704	46.3	767	56.8

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	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	P	F #	F %	D #	D %	F #	F %	D #	D %
19TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal	967	793	796	930	658	718	654	768	896	611	903	242	37.0	- 157	- 20.4	- 71	- 7.3	- 182	- 23.0
Autauga	276	246	210	240	148	197	157	146	220	78	340	63	40.1	- 68	- 46.6	- 56	- 20.3	- 168	- 68.3
Chilton	311	257	185	281	194	194	200	248	302	149	214	102	51.0	- 99	- 39.9	- 9	- 2.9	- 108	- 42.0
Elmore	380	290	401	409	316	327	297	374	374	384	349	77	25.9	10	2.7	- 6	- 1.6	94	32.4
Civil	503	477	618	603	656	611	651	643	691	564	699	40	6.1	- 79	- 12.3	188	37.4	87	18.2
Autauga	117	137	150	137	175	138	174	178	202	154	228	28	16.1	- 24	- 13.5	85	72.6	17	12.4
Chilton	165	132	162	183	167	122	163	145	170	158	215	7	4.3	13	9.0	5	3.0	26	19.7
Elmore	221	208	306	283	314	351	314	320	319	252	256	5	1.6	- 68	- 21.3	98	44.3	44	21.2
Domestic	1,095	1,159	1,095	1,056	1,031	1,062	1,045	1,044	1,073	1,013	462	28	2.7	- 31	- 3.0	- 22	- 2.0	- 146	- 12.6
Autauga	313	307	306	297	302	302	292	285	280	254	101	- 12	- 4.1	- 31	- 10.9	- 33	- 10.5	- 53	- 17.3
Chilton	392	437	395	379	390	383	363	346	378	362	161	15	4.1	16	4.6	- 14	- 3.6	- 75	- 17.2
Elmore	390	415	394	380	339	377	390	413	415	397	200	25	6.4	- 16	- 3.9	25	6.4	- 18	- 4.3
Total	2,565	2,429	2,509	2,589	2,345	2,391	2,350	2,455	2,660	2,188	2,064	310	13.2	- 267	- 10.9	95	3.7	- 241	- 9.9
Autauga	706	690	666	674	625	637	623	609	702	486	669	79	12.7	- 123	- 20.2	- 4	- 0.6	- 204	- 29.6
Chilton	868	826	742	843	751	699	726	739	850	669	590	124	17.1	- 70	- 9.5	- 18	- 2.1	- 157	- 19.0
Elmore	991	913	1,101	1,072	969	1,055	1,001	1,107	1,108	1,033	805	107	10.7	- 74	- 6.7	117	11.8	120	13.1

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	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	P	F #	F %	D #	D %	F #	F %	D #	D %
20TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal	1,549	1,932	1,185	1,146	1,604	1,275	1,593	1,310	1,680	1,532	891	87	5.5	222	16.9	131	8.5	- 400	- 20.7
Henry	120	72	99	121	132	87	302	132	180	324	121	- 122	- 40.4	192	145.5	60	50.0	252	350.0
Houston	1,429	1,860	1,086	1,025	1,472	1,188	1,291	1,178	1,500	1,208	770	209	16.2	30	2.5	71	5.0	- 652	- 35.1
Civil	712	710	869	738	924	814	864	860	972	826	1,298	108	12.5	- 34	- 4.0	260	36.5	116	16.3
Henry	56	45	60	41	66	58	62	70	67	63	82	5	8.1	- 7	- 10.0	11	19.6	18	40.0
Houston	656	665	809	697	858	756	802	790	905	763	1,216	103	12.8	- 27	- 3.4	249	38.0	98	14.7
Domestic	1,528	1,417	1,597	1,488	1,556	1,411	1,588	1,826	1,628	1,448	686	40	2.5	- 378	- 20.7	100	6.5	31	2.2
Henry	156	140	175	133	157	148	170	201	145	127	78	- 25	- 14.7	- 74	- 36.8	- 11	- 7.1	- 13	- 9.3
Houston	1,372	1,277	1,422	1,355	1,399	1,263	1,418	1,625	1,483	1,321	608	65	4.6	- 304	- 18.7	111	8.1	44	3.4
Total	3,789	4,059	3,651	3,372	4,084	3,500	4,045	3,996	4,280	3,806	2,875	235	5.8	- 190	- 4.8	491	13.0	- 253	- 6.2
Henry	332	257	334	295	355	293	534	403	392	514	281	- 142	- 26.6	111	27.5	60	18.1	257	100.0
Houston	3,457	3,802	3,317	3,077	3,729	3,207	3,511	3,593	3,888	3,292	2,594	377	10.7	- 301	- 8.4	431	12.5	- 510	- 13.4

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	FY 1985		FY 1986		FY 1987		FY 1988		FY 1989		FY 1989	CHANGE FY 1988 - FY 1989				CHANGE FY 1985 - FY 1989			
	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	P	F #	F %	D #	D %	F #	F %	D #	D %
21ST CIRCUIT Escambia																			
Criminal	206	260	303	251	301	309	307	270	388	273	341	81	26.4	3	1.1	182	88.3	13	5.0
Civil	367	333	343	349	391	377	411	469	413	412	282	2	0.5	- 57	- 12.2	46	12.5	79	23.7
Domestic	367	374	361	384	382	353	313	349	338	377	103	25	8.0	28	8.0	- 29	- 7.9	3	0.8
Total	940	967	1,007	984	1,074	1,039	1,031	1,088	1,139	1,062	726	108	10.5	- 26	- 2.4	199	21.2	95	9.8
22ND CIRCUIT Covington																			
Criminal	349	325	427	313	247	340	288	244	347	381	146	59	20.5	137	56.1	- 2	- 0.6	56	17.2
Civil	313	246	286	277	303	295	252	293	269	258	269	17	6.7	- 35	- 11.9	- 44	- 14.1	12	4.9
Domestic	420	424	426	387	482	517	404	396	410	404	127	6	1.5	8	2.0	- 10	- 2.4	- 20	- 4.7
Total	1,082	995	1,139	977	1,032	1,152	944	933	1,026	1,043	542	82	8.7	110	11.8	- 56	- 5.2	48	4.8
23RD CIRCUIT Madison																			
Criminal	1,578	1,783	1,502	1,452	1,368	1,219	1,863	1,389	1,862	1,797	905	- 1	- 0.1	408	29.4	284	18.0	14	0.8
Civil	1,720	1,399	1,923	1,807	2,095	2,110	2,311	2,104	2,463	2,423	1,811	152	6.6	319	15.2	743	43.2	1,024	73.2
Domestic	2,557	2,458	2,581	2,645	2,668	2,605	2,650	2,667	2,481	2,467	542	- 169	- 6.4	- 200	- 7.5	- 76	- 3.0	9	0.4
Total	5,855	5,640	6,006	5,904	6,131	5,934	6,824	6,160	6,806	6,687	3,258	- 18	- 0.3	527	8.6	951	16.2	1,047	18.6

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	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	P	F #	F %	D #	D %	F #	F %	D #	D %
24TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal	283	302	219	281	299	339	376	205	476	445	358	100	26.6	240	117.1	193	68.2	143	47.4
Fayette	126	132	58	113	102	113	107	34	147	185	129	40	37.4	151	444.1	21	16.7	53	40.2
Lamar	116	90	57	86	97	137	141	86	182	144	127	41	29.1	58	67.4	66	56.9	54	60.0
Pickens	41	80	104	82	100	89	128	85	147	116	102	19	14.8	31	36.5	106	258.5	36	45.0
Civil	252	235	255	204	271	270	288	249	315	322	262	27	9.4	73	29.3	63	25.0	87	37.0
Fayette	84	103	91	63	78	76	95	62	103	99	103	8	8.4	37	59.7	19	22.6	- 4	- 3.9
Lamar	85	69	82	77	100	86	85	93	94	105	61	9	10.6	12	12.9	9	10.6	36	52.2
Pickens	83	63	82	64	93	108	108	94	118	118	98	10	9.3	24	25.5	35	42.2	55	87.3
Domestic	446	446	465	464	438	438	452	442	439	397	151	- 13	- 2.9	- 45	- 10.2	- 7	- 1.6	- 49	- 11.0
Fayette	196	186	168	155	171	161	149	139	150	135	69	1	0.7	- 4	- 2.9	- 46	- 23.5	- 51	- 27.4
Lamar	132	133	135	145	141	132	161	164	148	132	28	- 13	- 8.1	- 32	- 19.5	16	12.1	- 1	- 0.8
Pickens	118	127	162	164	126	145	142	139	141	130	54	- 1	- 0.7	- 9	- 6.5	23	19.5	3	2.4
Juvenile	373	296	167	253	4	47	1	2	0	0	0	- 1	-100.0	- 2	-100.0	- 373	-100.0	- 296	-100.0
Fayette	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lamar	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	2	0	0	0	- 1	-100.0	- 2	-100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Pickens	373	296	167	253	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	- 373	-100.0	- 296	-100.0
Total	1,354	1,279	1,106	1,202	1,012	1,094	1,117	898	1,230	1,164	771	113	10.1	266	29.6	- 124	- 9.2	- 115	- 9.0
Fayette	406	421	317	331	351	350	351	235	400	419	301	49	14.0	184	78.3	- 6	- 1.5	- 2	- 0.5
Lamar	333	292	274	308	342	357	388	345	424	381	216	36	9.3	36	10.4	91	27.3	89	30.5
Pickens	615	566	515	563	319	387	378	318	406	364	254	28	7.4	46	14.5	- 209	- 34.0	- 202	- 35.7

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	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	P	F #	F %	D #	D %	F #	F %	D #	D %
25TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal	294	372	205	245	295	337	218	356	280	390	250	62	28.4	34	9.6	- 14	- 4.8	18	4.8
Marion	191	224	115	140	178	214	144	215	159	264	196	15	10.4	49	22.8	- 32	- 16.8	40	17.9
Winston	103	148	90	105	117	123	74	141	121	126	54	47	63.5	- 15	- 10.6	18	17.5	- 22	- 14.9
Civil	481	375	410	412	458	390	400	369	469	407	433	69	17.3	38	10.3	- 12	- 2.5	32	8.5
Marion	332	249	270	256	267	251	269	190	303	270	261	34	12.6	80	42.1	- 29	- 8.7	21	8.4
Winston	149	126	140	156	191	139	131	179	166	137	172	35	26.7	- 42	- 23.5	17	11.4	11	8.7
Domestic	580	580	607	664	655	608	574	571	536	438	432	- 38	- 6.6	- 133	- 23.3	- 44	- 7.6	- 142	- 24.5
Marion	289	281	324	399	338	295	253	270	258	191	258	5	2.0	- 79	- 29.3	- 31	- 10.7	- 90	- 32.0
Winston	291	299	283	265	317	313	321	301	278	247	174	- 43	- 13.4	- 54	- 17.9	- 13	- 4.5	- 52	- 17.4
Total	1,355	1,327	1,222	1,321	1,408	1,335	1,192	1,296	1,285	1,235	1,115	93	7.8	- 61	- 4.7	- 70	- 5.2	- 92	- 6.9
Marion	812	754	709	795	783	760	666	675	720	725	715	54	8.1	50	7.4	- 92	- 11.3	- 29	- 3.8
Winston	543	573	513	526	625	575	526	621	565	510	400	39	7.4	- 111	- 17.9	22	4.1	- 63	- 11.0
26TH CIRCUIT Russell																			
Criminal	566	600	520	500	701	659	597	563	588	644	197	- 9	- 1.5	81	14.4	22	3.9	44	7.3
Civil	268	269	271	268	268	298	252	270	371	291	266	119	47.2	21	7.8	103	38.4	22	8.2
Domestic	719	670	665	701	673	710	706	645	710	815	154	4	0.6	170	26.4	- 9	- 1.3	145	21.6
Total	1,553	1,539	1,456	1,469	1,642	1,667	1,555	1,478	1,669	1,750	617	114	7.3	272	18.4	116	7.5	211	13.7

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	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	P	F #	F %	D #	D %	F #	F %	D #	D %
27TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
Marshall	465	305	390	508	628	496	623	584	646	432	614	23	3.7	- 152	-26.0	181	38.9	127	41.6
Albertville	250	173	187	223	284	189	306	273	358	237	354	52	17.0	- 36	-13.2	108	43.2	64	37.0
Guntersville	215	132	203	285	344	307	317	311	288	195	260	- 29	- 9.1	- 116	-37.3	73	34.0	63	47.7
Civil																			
Marshall	581	552	678	600	676	571	615	670	686	678	761	71	11.5	8	1.2	105	18.1	126	22.8
Albertville	240	252	319	286	272	254	205	238	232	225	270	27	13.2	- 13	- 5.5	- 8	- 3.3	- 27	-10.7
Guntersville	341	300	359	314	404	317	410	432	454	453	491	44	10.7	21	4.9	113	33.1	153	51.0
Domestic																			
Marshall	1,004	1,038	1,015	991	984	1,051	1,003	981	1,059	974	449	56	5.6	- 7	- 0.7	55	5.5	- 64	- 6.2
Albertville	446	417	407	390	379	411	390	361	430	385	186	40	10.3	24	6.6	- 16	- 3.6	- 32	- 7.7
Guntersville	558	621	608	601	605	640	613	620	629	589	263	16	2.6	- 31	- 5.0	71	12.7	- 32	- 5.2
Juvenile																			
Marshall	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	3	2	10	0	- 9	-81.8	7	233.3	2	0.0	10	0.0
Albertville	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	3	2	10	0	- 9	-81.8	7	233.3	2	0.0	10	0.0
Guntersville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total																			
Marshall	2,050	1,895	2,083	2,099	2,288	2,118	2,252	2,238	2,393	2,094	1,824	141	6.3	- 144	- 6.4	343	16.7	199	10.5
Albertville	936	842	913	899	935	854	912	875	1,022	857	810	110	12.1	- 18	- 2.1	86	9.2	15	1.8
Guntersville	1,114	1,053	1,170	1,200	1,353	1,264	1,340	1,363	1,371	1,237	1,014	31	2.3	- 126	- 9.2	257	23.1	184	17.5
28TH CIRCUIT Baldwin																			
Criminal	571	471	648	615	788	678	867	706	824	672	791	- 43	- 5	- 34	- 4.8	253	44.3	201	42.7
Civil	955	841	1,013	944	1,183	1,220	1,109	1,196	950	1,272	1,203	- 159	- 14	76	6.4	- 5	- 0.5	431	51.2
Domestic	1,363	1,295	1,232	1,437	1,125	1,133	1,171	1,034	1,099	934	540	- 72	- 6.1	- 100	- 9.7	- 264	-19.4	- 361	-27.9
Juvenile	0	0	82	18	189	101	105	103	0	0	0	- 105	- 100	- 103	-100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	2,889	2,607	2,975	3,014	3,285	3,132	3,252	3,039	2,873	2,878	2,534	- 379	- 11.7	- 161	- 5.3	- 16	- 0.6	271	10.4

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	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	P	F #	F %	D #	D %	F #	F %	D #	D %
29TH CIRCUIT Talladega																			
Criminal	560	513	453	480	572	520	521	456	792	690	406	271	52.0	234	51.3	232	41.4	177	34.5
Civil	480	394	481	441	497	398	495	354	587	514	1,077	92	18.6	160	45.2	107	22.3	120	30.5
Domestic	954	958	1,167	930	1,125	1,001	1,111	1,051	1,133	1,164	672	22	2.0	113	10.8	179	18.8	206	21.5
Total	1,994	1,865	2,101	1,851	2,194	1,919	2,127	1,861	2,512	2,368	2,155	385	18.1	507	27.2	518	26.0	503	27.0
30TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal	389	361	551	469	479	566	520	467	616	645	358	96	18.5	178	38.1	227	58.4	284	78.7
Blount	128	120	226	205	227	281	251	195	242	263	141	- 9	- 3.6	68	34.9	114	89.1	143	119.2
St. Clair	261	241	325	264	252	285	269	272	374	382	217	105	39.0	110	40.4	113	43.3	141	58.5
Ashville	97	72	187	135	101	136	116	93	123	137	63	7	6.0	44	47.3	26	26.8	65	90.3
Pell City	164	169	138	129	151	149	153	179	251	245	154	98	64.1	66	36.9	87	53.0	76	45.0
Civil	408	357	427	409	514	420	485	445	628	686	503	143	29.5	241	54.2	220	53.9	329	92.2
Blount	155	140	158	135	188	148	156	157	199	187	184	43	27.6	30	19.1	44	28.4	47	33.6
St. Clair	253	217	269	274	326	272	329	288	429	499	319	100	30.4	211	73.3	176	69.6	282	130.0
Ashville	121	70	120	142	144	131	148	137	206	321	140	58	39.2	184	134.3	85	70.2	251	358.6
Pell City	132	147	149	132	182	141	181	151	223	178	179	42	23.2	27	17.9	91	68.9	31	21.1
Domestic	820	764	722	718	845	795	760	712	853	945	193	93	12.2	233	32.7	33	4.0	181	23.7
Blount	340	333	325	302	371	358	323	308	326	358	93	3	0.9	50	16.2	- 14	- 4.1	25	7.5
St. Clair	480	431	397	416	474	437	437	404	527	587	100	90	20.6	183	45.3	47	9.8	156	36.2
Ashville	119	117	113	114	146	140	116	99	185	196	25	69	59.5	97	98.0	66	55.5	79	67.5
Pell City	361	314	284	302	328	297	321	305	342	391	75	21	6.5	86	28.2	- 19	- 5.3	77	24.5
Total	1,617	1,482	1,700	1,596	1,838	1,781	1,765	1,624	2,097	2,276	1,054	332	18.8	652	40.1	480	29.7	794	53.6
Blount	623	593	709	642	786	787	730	660	767	808	418	37	5.1	148	22.4	144	23.1	215	36.3
St. Clair	994	889	991	954	1,052	994	1,035	964	1,330	1,468	636	295	28.5	504	52.3	336	33.8	579	65.1
Ashville	337	259	420	391	391	407	380	329	514	654	228	134	35.3	325	98.8	177	52.5	395	152.5
Pell City	657	630	571	563	661	587	655	635	816	814	408	161	24.6	179	28.2	159	24.2	184	29.2

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	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	P	F #	F %	D #	D %	F #	F %	D #	D %
31ST CIRCUIT Colbert																			
Criminal	357	324	329	299	383	377	323	371	386	320	139	63	19.5	- 51	-13.7	29	8.1	- 4	- 1.2
Civil	516	580	577	521	565	562	498	603	544	519	396	46	9.2	- 84	-13.9	28	5.4	- 61	-10.5
Domestic	674	680	624	662	748	689	615	610	617	687	141	2	0.3	77	12.6	- 57	- 8.5	7	1.0
Total	1,547	1,584	1,530	1,482	1,696	1,628	1,436	1,584	1,547	1,526	676	111	7.7	- 58	- 3.7	0	0.0	- 58	- 3.7
32ND CIRCUIT Cullman																			
Criminal	363	336	301	294	351	347	331	331	359	383	70	28	8.5	52	15.7	- 4	- 1.1	47	14.0
Civil	376	404	313	327	467	386	390	366	443	467	300	53	13.6	101	27.6	67	17.8	63	15.6
Domestic	734	746	766	758	806	836	788	777	770	791	121	- 18	- 2.3	14	1.8	36	4.9	45	6.0
Total	1,473	1,486	1,380	1,379	1,624	1,569	1,509	1,474	1,572	1,641	491	63	4.2	167	11.3	99	6.7	155	10.4
33RD CIRCUIT																			
Criminal	422	416	552	446	505	574	471	442	506	422	233	35	7.4	- 20	- 4.5	84	19.9	6	1.4
Dale	326	321	444	349	396	480	342	324	353	337	125	11	3.2	13	4.0	27	8.3	16	5.0
Geneva	96	95	108	97	109	94	129	118	153	85	108	24	18.6	- 33	-28.0	57	59.4	- 10	-10.5
Civil	323	292	309	265	355	422	354	323	399	358	396	45	12.7	35	10.8	76	23.5	66	22.6
Dale	211	164	196	157	228	294	222	197	264	229	236	42	18.9	32	16.2	53	25.1	65	39.6
Geneva	112	128	113	108	127	128	132	126	135	129	160	3	2.3	3	2.4	23	20.5	1	0.8
Domestic	922	1,053	951	936	912	995	890	910	933	898	200	43	4.8	- 12	- 1.3	11	1.2	- 155	-14.7
Dale	699	827	696	701	670	725	681	690	692	681	150	11	1.6	- 9	- 1.3	- 7	- 1.0	- 146	-17.7
Geneva	223	226	255	235	242	270	209	220	241	217	50	32	15.3	- 3	- 1.4	18	8.1	- 9	- 4.0
Total	1,667	1,761	1,812	1,647	1,772	1,991	1,715	1,675	1,838	1,678	829	123	7.2	3	0.2	171	10.3	- 83	- 4.7
Dale	1,236	1,312	1,336	1,207	1,294	1,499	1,245	1,211	1,309	1,247	511	64	5.1	36	3.0	73	5.9	- 65	- 5.0
Geneva	431	449	476	440	478	492	470	464	529	431	318	59	12.6	- 33	- 7.1	98	22.7	- 18	- 4.0

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34TH CIRCUIT Franklin																			
Criminal	193	142	193	216	234	217	164	181	140	125	51	- 24	- 14.6	- 56	- 30.9	- 53	- 27.5	- 17	- 12.0
Civil	286	319	265	268	271	274	246	251	228	209	150	- 18	- 7.3	- 42	- 16.7	- 58	- 20.3	- 110	- 34.5
Domestic	297	304	335	334	242	262	308	283	302	311	63	- 6	- 1.9	28	9.9	5	1.7	7	2.3
Total	776	765	793	818	747	753	718	715	670	645	264	- 48	- 6.7	- 70	- 9.8	- 106	- 13.7	- 120	- 15.7
35TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal	198	158	198	230	194	177	286	208	442	362	327	156	54.5	154	74.0	244	123.2	204	129.1
Conecuh	90	72	94	133	62	67	85	52	163	86	165	78	91.8	34	65.4	73	81.1	14	19.4
Monroe	108	86	104	97	132	110	201	156	279	276	162	78	38.8	120	76.9	171	158.3	190	220.9
Civil	287	320	233	210	268	262	266	213	353	416	326	87	32.7	203	95.3	66	23.0	96	30.0
Conecuh	114	114	96	93	107	95	104	94	141	162	118	37	35.6	68	72.3	27	23.7	48	42.1
Monroe	173	206	137	117	161	167	162	119	212	254	208	50	30.9	135	113.4	39	22.5	48	23.3
Domestic	303	372	372	356	289	292	340	344	383	391	107	43	12.6	47	13.7	80	26.4	19	5.1
Conecuh	92	102	120	116	82	91	109	91	118	99	27	9	8.3	8	8.8	26	28.3	- 3	- 2.9
Monroe	211	270	252	240	207	201	231	253	265	292	80	34	14.7	39	15.4	54	25.6	22	8.1
Total	788	850	803	796	751	731	892	765	1,178	1,169	760	286	32.1	404	52.8	390	49.5	319	37.5
Conecuh	296	288	310	342	251	253	298	237	422	347	310	124	41.6	110	46.4	126	42.6	59	20.5
Monroe	492	562	493	454	500	478	594	528	756	822	450	162	27.3	294	55.7	264	53.7	260	46.3

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36TH CIRCUIT Lawrence																			
Criminal	202	248	168	156	359	387	339	259	342	440	83	3	0.9	181	69.9	140	69.3	192	77.4
Civil	156	150	170	177	200	179	161	158	231	177	200	70	43.5	19	12.0	75	48.1	27	18.0
Domestic	307	265	308	309	250	296	299	274	279	263	97	- 20	- 6.7	- 11	- 4.0	- 28	- 9.1	- 2	- 0.8
Total	665	663	646	642	809	862	799	691	852	880	380	53	6.6	189	27.4	187	28.1	217	32.7
37TH CIRCUIT Lee																			
Criminal	964	801	1,019	920	780	1,007	930	748	1,055	1,282	231	125	13.4	534	71.4	91	9.4	481	60.0
Civil	384	306	418	419	428	482	371	422	489	443	280	118	31.8	21	5.0	105	27.3	137	44.8
Domestic	655	643	700	681	665	686	671	664	696	692	259	25	3.7	28	4.2	41	6.3	49	7.6
Total	2,003	1,750	2,137	2,020	1,873	2,175	1,972	1,834	2,240	2,417	770	268	13.6	583	31.8	237	11.8	667	38.1
38TH CIRCUIT Jackson																			
Criminal	516	599	457	503	759	524	498	571	880	782	569	382	76.7	211	37.0	364	70.5	183	30.6
Civil	297	280	299	347	276	328	251	281	362	323	313	111	44.2	42	14.9	65	21.9	43	15.4
Domestic	550	560	525	532	530	526	574	554	418	463	156	- 156	- 27.2	- 91	- 16.4	- 132	- 24.0	- 97	- 17.3
Total	1,363	1,439	1,281	1,382	1,565	1,378	1,323	1,406	1,660	1,568	1,038	337	25.5	162	11.5	297	21.8	129	9.0

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39TH CIRCUIT Limestone																			
Criminal	237	159	325	335	433	272	313	301	362	214	329	49	15.7	- 87	- 28.9	125	52.7	55	34.6
Civil	283	236	485	396	474	421	457	368	485	445	487	28	6.1	77	20.9	202	71.4	209	88.6
Domestic	455	489	476	466	430	390	439	472	429	438	128	- 10	- 2.3	- 34	- 7.2	- 26	- 5.7	- 51	- 10.4
Juvenile	14	7	15	11	14	19	7	13	122	62	72	115	1,642.9	49	376.9	108	771.4	55	785.7
Total	989	891	1,301	1,208	1,351	1,102	1,216	1,154	1,398	1,159	1,016	182	15.0	5	0.4	409	41.4	268	30.1
STATE TOTALS																			
Criminal	31,469	31,685	32,192	31,707	34,125	32,262	34,161	31,410	41,462	37,888	23,876	7,301	21.4	6,478	20.6	9,993	31.8	6,203	19.6
Civil	32,447	30,879	33,984	31,605	37,050	34,329	35,876	35,773	39,915	37,400	47,457	4,039	11.3	1,627	4.5	7,468	23.0	6,521	21.1
Domestic	46,801	46,493	47,278	46,974	47,279	46,562	44,805	44,926	44,043	43,305	15,058	- 762	- 1.7	- 1,621	- 3.6	- 2,758	- 5.9	- 3,188	- 6.9
Juvenile	18,947	21,564	18,192	22,921	24,759	19,741	27,873	21,854	26,655	22,745	10,108	- 1,218	- 4.4	891	4.1	7,708	40.7	1,181	5.5
Total	129,664	130,621	131,646	133,207	143,213	132,894	142,715	133,963	152,075	141,338	96,499	9,360	6.6	7,375	5.5	22,411	17.3	10,717	8.2

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AUTAUGA																			
Traffic	2,426	2,255	2,849	2,514	3,207	2,860	2,941	2,794	3,624	3,543	541	683	23.2	749	26.8	1,198	49.4	1,288	57.1
Criminal	594	545	573	494	783	712	803	701	853	802	523	50	6.2	101	14.4	259	43.6	257	47.2
Small Claims	285	294	390	376	422	412	448	438	557	557	83	109	24.3	119	27.2	272	95.4	263	89.5
Civil	175	200	222	197	180	195	202	190	223	211	68	21	10.4	21	11.1	48	27.4	11	5.5
Juvenile	314	368	356	308	299	299	359	371	319	309	126	- 40	- 11.1	- 62	- 16.7	5	1.6	- 59	- 16.0
Total	3,794	3,662	4,390	3,889	4,891	4,478	4,753	4,494	5,576	5,422	1,341	823	17.3	928	20.6	1,782	47.0	1,760	48.1
BALDWIN																			
Traffic	10,192	8,858	13,377	10,550	14,120	11,885	11,404	10,460	9,814	11,095	4,731	- 1,590	- 13.9	635	6.1	- 378	- 3.7	2,237	25.3
Criminal	2,715	2,523	3,031	2,599	3,370	2,275	3,406	2,399	5,198	3,569	2,559	1,792	52.6	1,170	48.8	2,483	91.5	1,046	41.5
Small Claims	1,340	961	1,386	1,064	1,531	1,177	1,324	1,823	1,401	1,430	961	77	5.8	- 393	- 21.6	61	4.6	469	48.8
Civil	849	764	1,016	884	927	803	669	761	738	1,090	676	69	10.3	329	43.2	- 111	- 13.1	326	42.7
Juvenile	820	727	681	644	658	742	695	621	1,071	908	901	376	54.1	287	46.2	251	30.6	181	24.9
Total	15,916	13,833	19,491	15,741	20,606	16,882	17,498	16,064	18,222	18,092	9,828	724	4.1	2,028	12.6	2,306	14.5	4,259	30.8
BARBOUR																			
Traffic	2,599	2,721	2,998	2,792	3,388	3,209	4,227	4,397	3,523	3,753	492	- 704	- 16.7	- 644	- 14.6	924	35.6	1,032	37.9
Criminal	894	942	833	877	987	898	970	937	1,081	1,001	264	111	11.4	64	6.8	187	20.9	59	6.3
Small claims	706	731	955	940	1,107	1,077	905	858	934	998	205	29	3.2	140	16.3	228	32.3	267	36.5
Civil	128	154	102	116	175	150	119	165	146	142	51	27	22.7	- 23	- 13.9	18	14.1	- 12	- 7.8
Juvenile	295	334	350	474	350	421	1,075	963	873	601	109	- 202	- 18.8	- 362	- 37.6	578	195.9	267	79.9
Total	4,622	4,882	5,238	5,199	6,007	5,755	7,296	7,320	6,557	6,495	1,121	- 739	- 10.1	- 825	- 11.3	1,935	41.9	1,613	33.0

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CLAYTON																			
Traffic	1,547	1,623	621	650	704	659	997	916	1,171	1,171	168	174	17.5	255	27.8	- 376	- 24.3	- 452	- 27.8
Criminal	315	314	276	310	376	314	307	303	349	294	126	42	13.7	- 9	- 3.0	34	10.8	- 20	- 6.4
Small Claims	107	133	90	96	79	75	137	114	159	166	38	22	16.1	52	45.6	52	48.6	33	24.8
Civil	32	37	22	33	53	32	29	44	44	44	15	15	51.7	0	0.0	12	37.5	7	18.9
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	2,001	2,107	1,009	1,089	1,212	1,080	1,470	1,377	1,723	1,675	347	253	17.2	298	21.6	- 278	- 13.9	- 432	- 20.5
EUFAULA																			
Traffic	1,052	1,098	2,377	2,142	2,684	2,550	3,230	3,481	2,352	2,582	324	- 878	- 27.2	- 899	- 25.8	1,300	123.6	1,484	135.2
Criminal	579	628	557	567	611	584	663	634	732	707	138	69	10.4	73	11.5	153	26.4	79	12.6
Small Claims	599	598	865	844	1,028	1,002	768	744	775	832	167	7	0.9	88	11.8	176	29.4	234	39.1
Civil	96	117	80	83	122	118	90	121	102	98	36	12	13.3	- 23	- 19.0	6	6.3	- 19	- 16.2
Juvenile	295	334	350	474	350	421	1,075	963	873	601	109	- 202	- 18.8	- 362	- 37.6	578	195.9	267	79.9
Total	2,621	2,775	4,229	4,110	4,795	4,675	5,826	5,943	4,834	4,820	774	- 992	- 17.0	- 1,123	- 18.9	2,213	84.4	2,045	73.7
BIBB																			
Traffic	1,926	1,871	1,522	1,579	1,560	1,404	3,115	2,873	3,197	3,024	340	82	2.6	151	5.3	1,271	66.0	1,153	61.6
Criminal	517	509	366	391	442	405	652	504	843	1,062	109	191	29.3	558	110.7	326	63.1	553	108.6
Small Claims	186	155	195	182	246	211	308	330	284	247	74	- 24	- 7.8	- 83	- 25.2	98	52.7	92	59.4
Civil	38	44	89	60	39	48	88	88	87	80	51	- 1	- 1.1	- 8	- 9.1	49	128.9	36	81.8
Juvenile	258	222	244	187	250	277	261	232	265	258	58	4	1.5	26	11.2	7	2.7	36	16.2
Total	2,925	2,801	2,416	2,399	2,537	2,345	4,424	4,027	4,676	4,671	632	252	5.7	644	16.0	1,751	59.9	1,870	66.8

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BLOUNT																			
Traffic	2,120	1,950	2,324	2,148	2,369	2,344	2,851	2,567	3,082	3,570	384	231	8.1	1,003	39.1	962	45.4	1,620	83.1
Criminal	563	591	698	600	770	751	829	758	962	1,082	169	133	16.0	324	42.7	399	70.9	491	83.1
Small Claims	297	289	359	351	407	390	480	462	482	510	68	2	0.4	48	10.4	185	62.3	221	76.5
Civil	125	128	131	127	125	128	145	134	184	166	61	39	26.9	32	23.9	59	47.2	38	29.7
Juvenile	303	322	401	361	359	402	468	392	450	477	99	- 18	- 3.8	85	21.7	147	48.5	155	48.1
Total	3,408	3,280	3,913	3,587	4,030	4,015	4,773	4,313	5,160	5,805	781	387	8.1	1,492	34.6	1,752	51.4	2,525	77.0
BULLOCK																			
Traffic	1,282	1,289	1,120	993	2,315	1,940	1,793	1,804	1,588	1,647	131	- 205	- 11.4	- 157	- 8.7	306	23.9	358	27.8
Criminal	335	327	323	337	452	422	459	432	387	394	53	- 72	- 15.7	- 38	- 8.8	52	15.5	67	20.5
Small Claims	341	239	391	354	326	368	253	230	218	239	39	- 35	- 13.8	9	3.9	- 123	- 36.1	0	0.0
Civil	104	67	78	59	61	74	66	47	85	77	25	19	28.8	30	63.8	- 19	- 18.3	10	14.9
Juvenile	213	105	172	150	171	203	90	78	256	535	67	166	184.4	457	585.9	43	20.2	430	409.5
Total	2,275	2,027	2,084	1,893	3,325	3,007	2,661	2,591	2,534	2,892	315	- 127	- 4.8	301	11.6	259	11.4	865	42.7
BUTLER																			
Traffic	4,417	4,574	5,253	5,254	6,708	6,733	5,483	5,255	5,424	5,407	645	- 59	- 1.1	152	2.9	1,007	22.8	833	18.2
Criminal	1,026	1,143	903	936	1,013	1,028	1,017	912	1,140	1,111	237	123	12.1	199	21.8	114	11.1	- 32	- 2.8
Small Claims	670	678	675	775	824	685	910	861	840	843	126	- 70	- 7.7	- 18	- 2.1	170	25.4	165	24.3
Civil	93	93	116	129	117	107	118	104	133	124	29	15	12.7	20	19.2	40	43.0	31	33.3
Juvenile	221	220	214	216	185	213	197	191	426	316	173	229	116.2	125	65.4	205	92.8	96	43.6
Total	6,427	6,708	7,161	7,310	8,847	8,766	7,725	7,323	7,963	7,801	1,210	238	3.1	478	6.5	1,536	23.9	1,093	16.3

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	FY 1985		FY 1986		FY 1987		FY 1988		FY 1989		FY 1989	CHANGE FY 1988 - FY 1989				CHANGE FY 1985 - FY 1989			
	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	P	F #	F %	D #	D %	F #	F %	D #	D %
CALHOUN																			
Traffic	5,489	5,391	5,468	5,002	9,263	7,499	9,172	8,887	7,252	7,260	557	-1,920	-20.9	-1,627	-18.3	1,763	32.1	1,869	34.7
Criminal	1,837	1,782	2,762	2,549	3,277	3,092	3,529	3,331	3,936	3,419	474	407	11.5	88	2.6	2,099	114.3	1,637	91.9
Small Claims	2,774	2,181	3,064	2,905	3,016	3,345	2,727	2,696	2,722	2,903	814	- 5	- 0.2	207	7.7	- 52	- 1.9	722	33.1
Civil	969	901	916	979	1,015	996	944	1,058	1,053	919	476	109	11.5	- 139	-13.1	84	8.7	18	2.0
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	11,069	10,255	12,210	11,435	16,571	14,932	16,372	15,972	14,963	14,501	2,321	-1,409	- 8.6	-1,471	- 9.2	3,894	35.2	4,246	41.4
CHAMBERS																			
Traffic	4,882	4,284	5,368	4,885	5,808	4,941	5,614	5,495	4,192	4,388	744	-1,422	-25.3	-1,107	-20.1	- 690	-14.1	104	2.4
Criminal	2,084	1,977	2,285	2,266	2,238	2,134	2,621	2,394	2,527	2,602	518	- 94	- 3.6	208	8.7	443	21.3	625	31.6
Small Claims	1,244	1,070	1,638	1,469	1,743	1,825	1,582	1,524	1,698	1,492	442	116	7.3	- 32	- 2.1	454	36.5	422	39.4
Civil	570	380	493	235	394	310	362	247	245	244	628	- 117	-32.3	- 3	- 1.2	- 325	-57.0	- 136	-35.8
Juvenile	355	326	375	422	369	426	466	461	709	539	289	243	52.1	78	16.9	354	99.7	213	65.3
Total	9,135	8,037	10,159	9,277	10,552	9,636	10,645	10,121	9,371	9,265	2,621	-1,274	-12.0	- 856	- 8.5	236	2.6	1,228	15.3
CHEROKEE																			
Traffic	1,097	1,019	1,658	1,513	1,783	1,704	1,708	1,726	1,504	1,814	165	- 204	-11.9	88	5.1	407	37.1	795	78.0
Criminal	832	866	840	812	817	775	920	934	1,023	1,049	173	103	11.2	115	12.3	191	23.0	183	21.1
Small Claims	309	286	319	316	329	313	269	280	308	317	46	39	14.5	37	13.2	- 1	- 0.3	31	10.8
Civil	79	52	69	99	78	72	112	97	76	73	31	- 36	-32.1	- 24	-24.7	- 3	- 3.8	21	40.4
Juvenile	147	129	133	109	187	190	153	153	205	204	78	52	34.0	51	33.3	58	39.5	75	58.1
Total	2,464	2,352	3,019	2,849	3,194	3,054	3,162	3,190	3,116	3,457	493	- 46	- 1.5	267	8.4	652	26.5	1,105	47.0

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	FY 1985		FY 1986		FY 1987		FY 1988		FY 1989		FY 1989	CHANGE FY 1988 - FY 1989				CHANGE FY 1985 - FY 1989			
	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	P	F #	F %	D #	D %	F #	F %	D #	D %
CHILTON																			
Traffic	1,506	1,562	1,796	1,755	2,450	2,388	2,219	2,083	3,399	3,425	445	1,180	53.2	1,342	64.4	1,893	125.7	1,863	119.3
Criminal	997	1,000	814	855	1,141	1,113	1,015	971	1,325	1,263	254	310	30.5	292	30.1	328	32.9	263	26.3
Small Claims	412	420	509	497	581	571	482	463	597	607	99	115	23.9	144	31.1	185	44.9	187	44.5
Civil	185	204	202	216	187	173	176	182	168	164	47	- 8	- 4.5	-18	- 9.9	-17	- 9.2	-40	- 19.6
Juvenile	216	242	212	197	245	218	217	231	339	295	143	122	56.2	64	27.7	123	56.9	53	21.9
Total	3,316	3,428	3,533	3,520	4,604	4,463	4,109	3,930	5,828	5,754	988	1,719	41.8	1,824	46.4	2,512	75.8	2,326	67.9
CHOCTAW																			
Traffic	1,976	2,006	1,734	1,962	1,470	1,347	1,804	1,668	1,355	1,324	124	- 449	- 24.9	-344	- 20.6	-621	- 31.4	-682	- 34.0
Criminal	448	401	445	506	467	464	521	513	566	458	128	45	8.6	-55	- 10.7	118	26.3	57	14.2
Small Claims	363	357	421	430	460	443	513	455	685	590	86	172	33.5	135	29.7	322	88.7	233	65.3
Civil	75	74	38	102	57	54	69	61	86	64	32	17	24.6	3	4.9	11	14.7	-10	- 13.5
Juvenile	152	107	147	223	186	112	179	145	151	90	56	- 28	- 15.6	-55	- 37.9	-1	- 0.7	-17	- 15.9
Total	3,014	2,945	2,785	3,223	2,640	2,420	3,086	2,842	2,843	2,526	426	- 243	- 7.9	-316	- 11.1	-171	- 5.7	-419	- 14.2
CLARKE																			
Traffic	1,575	1,591	2,666	2,600	2,202	2,250	1,800	1,828	2,022	1,809	431	222	12.3	-19	- 1.0	447	28.4	218	13.7
Criminal	976	1,006	1,072	1,016	877	995	801	671	955	922	289	154	19.2	251	37.4	-21	- 2.2	-84	- 8.3
Small claims	608	628	633	623	475	497	741	700	957	1,033	83	216	29.1	333	47.6	349	57.4	405	64.5
Civil	115	110	109	126	113	114	157	150	118	116	56	- 39	- 24.8	-34	- 22.7	3	2.6	6	5.5
Juvenile	356	243	208	232	491	439	300	307	336	277	289	36	12.0	-30	- 9.8	-20	- 5.6	34	14.0
Total	3,630	3,578	4,688	4,597	4,158	4,295	3,799	3,656	4,388	4,157	1,148	589	15.5	501	13.7	758	20.9	579	16.2

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	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	P	F #	F %	D #	D %	F #	F %	D #	D %
CLAY																			
Traffic	569	558	1,061	886	1,294	1,403	825	785	1,827	1,723	134	1,002	121.5	938	119.5	1,258	221.1	1,165	208.8
Criminal	197	178	282	241	304	375	284	263	269	264	42	- 15	- 5.3	1	0.4	72	36.5	86	48.3
Small Claims	265	232	215	374	235	256	275	287	388	351	100	113	41.1	64	22.3	123	46.4	119	51.3
Civil	44	28	44	59	67	103	74	75	78	77	17	4	5.4	2	2.7	34	77.3	49	175.0
Juvenile	204	150	256	130	171	207	122	124	148	130	37	26	21.3	6	4.8	- 56	- 27.5	- 20	- 13.3
Total	1,279	1,146	1,858	1,690	2,071	2,344	1,580	1,534	2,710	2,545	330	1,130	71.5	1,011	65.9	1,431	111.9	1,399	122.1
CLEBURNE																			
Traffic	1,955	1,685	2,092	1,713	2,611	2,413	2,056	1,906	2,364	2,084	865	308	15.0	178	9.3	409	20.9	399	23.7
Criminal	178	141	179	171	254	284	216	173	213	192	46	- 3	- 1.4	19	11.0	35	19.7	51	36.2
Small claims	128	155	112	128	140	133	118	84	121	96	59	3	2.5	12	14.3	- 7	- 5.5	- 59	- 38.1
Civil	31	48	38	28	52	47	49	45	47	53	16	- 2	- 4.1	8	17.8	16	51.6	5	10.4
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	2,292	2,029	2,421	2,040	3,057	2,877	2,439	2,208	2,745	2,425	986	306	12.5	217	9.8	453	19.8	396	19.5
COFFEE																			
Traffic	1,913	1,602	2,177	2,201	1,849	1,737	1,998	1,705	2,200	2,020	638	202	10.1	315	18.5	287	15.0	418	26.1
Criminal	861	806	1,302	1,041	1,226	951	1,612	1,214	1,743	1,512	931	131	8.1	298	24.5	882	102.4	706	87.6
Small Claims	1,428	1,194	1,420	1,248	1,393	1,341	1,443	1,345	1,374	1,607	644	- 69	- 4.8	262	19.5	- 54	- 3.8	413	34.6
Civil	236	218	259	161	287	255	281	241	261	202	154	- 20	- 7.1	- 39	- 16.2	25	10.6	- 16	- 7.3
Juvenile	645	589	772	736	721	693	801	822	698	722	230	- 103	- 12.9	- 100	- 12.2	53	8.2	133	22.6
Total	5,083	4,409	5,930	5,387	5,476	4,977	6,135	5,327	6,276	6,063	2,597	141	2.3	736	13.8	1,193	23.5	1,654	37.5

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	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	P	F #	F %	D #	D %	F #	F %	D #	D %
ELBA																			
Traffic	1,404	1,213	1,206	1,295	1,216	1,027	1,201	1,010	1,640	1,371	593	439	36.6	361	35.7	236	16.8	158	13.0
Criminal	401	387	412	416	434	402	431	410	548	493	176	117	27.1	83	20.2	147	36.7	106	27.4
Small claims	487	503	410	371	413	347	426	390	601	519	375	175	41.1	129	33.1	114	23.4	16	3.2
Civil	53	60	51	40	52	29	47	44	42	32	72	- 5	- 10.6	- 12	- 27.3	- 11	- 20.8	- 28	- 46.7
Juvenile	156	151	176	189	171	154	244	228	205	187	68	- 39	- 16.0	- 41	- 18.0	49	31.4	36	23.8
Total	2,501	2,314	2,255	2,311	2,286	1,959	2,349	2,082	3,036	2,602	1,284	687	29.2	520	25.0	535	21.4	288	12.4
ENTERPRISE																			
Traffic	509	389	971	906	633	710	797	695	560	649	45	- 237	- 29.7	- 46	- 6.6	51	10.0	260	66.8
Criminal	460	419	890	625	792	549	1,181	804	1,195	1,019	755	14	1.2	215	26.7	735	159.8	600	143.2
Small Claims	941	691	1,010	877	980	994	1,017	955	773	1,088	269	- 244	- 24.0	133	13.9	- 168	- 17.9	397	57.5
Civil	183	158	208	121	235	226	234	197	219	170	82	- 15	- 6.4	- 27	- 13.7	36	19.7	12	7.6
Juvenile	489	438	596	547	550	539	557	594	493	535	162	- 64	- 11.5	- 59	- 9.9	4	0.8	97	22.1
Total	2,582	2,095	3,675	3,076	3,190	3,018	3,786	3,245	3,240	3,461	1,313	- 546	- 14.4	216	6.7	658	25.5	1,366	65.2
COLBERT																			
Traffic	2,648	2,514	2,007	2,026	2,982	2,767	3,687	3,577	4,278	4,404	322	591	16.0	827	23.1	1,630	61.6	1,890	75.2
Criminal	1,019	1,086	1,219	1,115	1,262	1,329	1,346	1,166	1,483	1,338	202	137	10.2	172	14.8	464	45.5	252	23.2
Small Claims	1,219	1,685	1,223	1,037	1,406	1,269	1,557	1,397	1,272	1,300	297	- 285	- 18.3	- 97	- 6.9	53	4.3	- 385	- 22.8
Civil	390	475	347	335	321	319	301	260	330	338	166	29	9.6	78	30.0	- 60	- 15.4	- 137	- 28.8
Juvenile	453	409	368	425	407	420	405	460	358	328	226	- 47	- 11.6	- 132	- 28.7	- 95	- 21.0	- 81	- 19.8
Total	5,729	6,169	5,164	4,938	6,378	6,104	7,296	6,860	7,721	7,708	1,213	425	5.8	848	12.4	1,992	34.8	1,539	24.9

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	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	P	F #	F %	D #	D %	F #	F %	D #	D %
CONECUH																			
Traffic	1,330	1,393	1,458	1,180	1,853	1,551	2,050	1,872	1,445	2,580	56	- 605	- 29.5	708	37.8	115	8.6	1,187	85.2
Criminal	671	664	854	731	779	609	678	581	679	1,231	99	1	0.1	650	111.9	8	1.2	567	85.4
Small Claims	723	653	698	644	665	672	640	670	634	627	280	- 6	- 0.9	- 43	- 6.4	- 89	- 12.3	- 26	- 4.0
Civil	52	51	51	51	73	80	71	70	136	115	55	65	91.5	45	64.3	84	161.5	64	125.5
Juvenile	253	232	231	228	207	210	237	210	455	448	143	218	92.0	238	113.3	202	79.8	216	93.1
Total	3,029	2,993	3,292	2,834	3,577	3,122	3,676	3,403	3,349	5,001	633	- 327	- 8.9	1,598	47.0	320	10.6	2,008	67.1
COOSA																			
Traffic	3,241	3,271	3,930	3,863	4,299	3,930	3,865	3,883	3,124	3,220	302	- 741	- 19.2	- 663	- 17.1	- 117	- 3.6	- 51	- 1.6
Criminal	521	449	676	611	553	573	621	717	664	682	116	43	6.9	- 35	- 4.9	143	27.4	233	51.9
Small Claims	198	158	192	172	213	179	216	191	326	468	132	110	50.9	277	145.0	128	64.6	310	196.2
Civil	44	29	32	22	34	23	46	125	43	37	26	- 3	- 6.5	- 88	- 70.4	- 1	- 2.3	8	27.6
Juvenile	167	127	153	142	187	150	149	253	172	161	79	23	15.4	- 92	- 36.4	5	3.0	34	26.8
Total	4,171	4,034	4,983	4,810	5,286	4,855	4,897	5,169	4,329	4,568	1,155	- 568	- 11.6	- 601	- 11.6	158	3.8	534	13.2
COVINGTON																			
Traffic	1,366	1,399	2,072	1,874	1,591	1,808	1,303	1,232	1,791	1,748	242	488	37.5	516	41.9	425	31.1	349	24.9
Criminal	1,009	879	1,146	1,022	592	694	696	666	920	796	678	224	32.2	130	19.5	- 89	- 8.8	- 83	- 9.4
Small Claims	553	522	624	602	623	633	689	646	802	761	183	113	16.4	115	17.8	249	45.0	239	45.8
Civil	281	294	243	249	261	260	251	253	263	275	76	12	4.8	22	8.7	- 18	- 6.4	- 19	- 6.5
Juvenile	740	731	765	695	612	607	841	863	753	705	346	- 88	- 10.5	- 158	- 18.3	13	1.8	- 26	- 3.6
Total	3,949	3,825	4,850	4,442	3,679	4,002	3,780	3,660	4,529	4,285	1,525	749	19.8	625	17.1	580	14.7	460	12.0

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	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	P	F #	F %	D #	D %	F #	F %	D #	D %
CRENSHAW																			
Traffic	671	809	1,910	1,791	2,027	1,761	1,654	1,726	2,208	1,933	311	554	33.5	207	12.0	1,537	229.1	1,124	138.9
Criminal	460	446	383	505	580	535	545	514	512	552	116	- 33	- 6.1	38	7.4	52	11.3	106	23.8
Small Claims	287	255	263	254	256	305	325	329	313	286	62	- 12	- 3.7	- 43	- 13.1	26	9.1	31	12.2
Civil	65	65	49	45	54	66	64	90	67	60	25	3	4.7	- 30	- 33.3	2	3.1	- 5	- 7.7
Juvenile	135	70	120	90	252	154	258	264	269	287	123	11	4.3	23	8.7	134	99.3	217	310.0
Total	1,618	1,645	2,725	2,685	3,169	2,821	2,846	2,923	3,369	3,118	637	523	18.4	195	6.7	1,751	108.2	1,473	89.5
CULLMAN																			
Traffic	2,822	3,339	4,458	4,068	4,606	4,046	4,525	4,471	4,842	4,982	945	317	7.0	511	11.4	2,020	71.6	1,643	49.2
Criminal	2,370	2,437	2,823	2,566	3,262	3,041	2,869	2,589	3,026	2,813	1,486	157	5.5	224	8.7	656	27.7	376	15.4
Small Claims	985	937	1,121	964	1,141	1,156	1,317	1,394	1,255	1,262	658	- 62	- 4.7	- 132	- 9.5	270	27.4	325	34.7
Civil	414	534	400	336	380	462	440	394	454	447	326	14	3.2	53	13.5	40	9.7	- 87	- 16.3
Juvenile	765	717	691	591	697	697	936	697	970	1,043	631	34	3.6	346	49.6	205	26.8	326	45.5
Total	7,356	7,964	9,493	8,525	10,086	9,402	10,087	9,545	10,547	10,547	4,046	460	4.6	1,002	10.5	3,191	43.4	2,583	32.4
DALE																			
Traffic	2,968	2,973	2,985	2,954	5,380	4,803	4,632	6,300	3,896	4,016	289	- 736	- 15.9	- 2,284	- 36.3	928	31.3	1,043	35.1
Criminal	1,290	1,316	1,427	1,377	1,219	1,278	1,241	1,650	1,346	1,346	62	105	8.5	- 304	- 18.4	56	4.3	30	2.3
Small Claims	690	632	706	670	844	743	934	1,060	999	975	199	65	7.0	- 85	- 8.0	309	44.8	343	54.3
Civil	156	162	152	161	212	165	194	128	258	284	168	64	33.0	156	121.9	102	65.4	122	75.3
Juvenile	578	513	575	520	630	577	798	730	797	723	331	- 1	- 0.1	- 7	- 1.0	219	37.9	210	40.9
Total	5,682	5,596	5,845	5,682	8,285	7,566	7,799	9,868	7,296	7,344	1,049	- 503	- 6.4	- 2,524	- 25.6	1,614	28.4	1,748	31.2

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DALLAS																			
Traffic	3,932	3,733	5,513	5,437	5,499	4,926	3,865	3,594	6,[illegible]	6,425	1,093	2,576	66.6	2,831	78.8	2,509	63.8	2,692	72.1
Criminal	1,345	1,410	1,460	1,770	1,349	1,214	1,258	1,177	1,507	1,380	1,568	249	19.8	203	17.2	162	12.0	- 30	- 2.1
Small Claims	685	582	816	954	793	783	735	644	817	728	231	82	11.2	84	13.0	132	19.3	146	25.1
Civil	283	285	270	382	293	262	284	217	391	355	175	107	37.7	138	63.6	108	38.2	70	24.6
Juvenile	1,285	1,077	969	865	889	710	1,040	880	1,399	1,158	1,013	359	34.5	278	31.6	114	8.9	81	7.5
Total	7,530	7,087	9,028	9,408	8,823	7,895	7,182	6,512	10,555	10,046	4,080	3,373	47.0	3,534	54.3	3,025	40.2	2,959	41.8
DEKALB																			
Traffic	2,666	2,962	2,448	2,162	2,572	2,545	2,317	2,505	1,557	1,631	106	- 760	- 32.8	- 874	- 34.9	- 1,109	- 41.6	- 1,331	- 44.9
Criminal	918	873	916	925	668	594	865	879	906	932	552	41	4.7	53	6.0	- 12	- 1.3	59	6.8
Small Claims	460	309	452	417	527	480	512	350	511	865	161	- 1	- 0.2	515	147.1	51	11.1	556	179.9
Civil	277	165	277	210	311	278	281	173	332	428	281	51	18.1	255	147.4	55	19.9	263	159.4
Juvenile	294	231	393	294	446	144	571	335	515	644	486	- 56	- 9.8	309	92.2	221	75.2	413	178.8
Total	4,615	4,540	4,486	4,008	4,524	4,041	4,546	4,242	3,821	4,500	1,586	- 725	- 15.9	258	6.1	- 794	- 17.2	- 40	- 0.9
ELMORE																			
Traffic	2,108	1,944	2,862	2,596	3,618	3,509	4,059	3,693	4,464	4,371	592	405	10.0	678	18.4	2,356	111.8	2,427	124.8
Criminal	1,154	1,100	1,075	1,071	1,160	1,231	1,364	1,288	1,292	1,316	123	- 72	- 5.3	28	2.2	138	12.0	216	19.6
Small Claims	413	412	658	590	641	667	752	689	817	888	222	65	8.6	199	28.9	404	97.8	476	115.5
Civil	166	193	219	197	262	228	263	294	253	333	95	- 10	- 3.8	39	13.3	87	52.4	140	72.5
Juvenile	599	507	511	452	544	463	602	582	1,036	853	359	434	72.1	271	46.6	437	73.0	346	68.2
Total	4,440	4,156	5,325	4,906	6,225	6,098	7,040	6,546	7,862	7,761	1,391	822	11.7	1,215	18.6	3,422	77.1	3,605	86.7

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	FY 1985		FY 1986		FY 1987		FY 1988		FY 1989		FY 1989	CHANGE FY 1988 - FY 1989				CHANGE FY 1985 - FY 1989			
	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	P	F #	F %	D #	D %	F #	F %	D #	D %
ESCAMBIA																			
Traffic	2,219	1,892	2,517	2,206	3,575	3,484	2,433	2,558	2,861	2,736	291	428	17.6	178	7.0	642	28.9	844	44.6
Criminal	960	922	1,171	857	824	873	675	574	1,040	1,004	200	365	54.1	430	74.9	80	8.3	82	8.9
Small Claims	558	431	740	625	696	570	752	677	872	1,072	485	120	16.0	395	58.3	314	56.3	641	148.7
Civil	451	338	208	248	204	226	159	300	264	211	157	105	66.0	- 89	- 29.7	- 187	- 41.5	- 127	- 37.6
Juvenile	427	334	443	303	454	517	547	566	776	769	340	229	41.9	203	35.9	349	81.7	435	130.2
Total	4,615	3,917	5,079	4,239	5,753	5,670	4,566	4,675	5,813	5,792	1,473	1,247	27.3	1,117	23.9	1,198	26.0	1,875	47.9
ETOWAH																			
Traffic	3,107	2,880	3,017	3,655	3,865	3,814	2,841	2,943	2,115	2,778	952	- 726	- 25.6	- 165	- 5.6	- 992	- 31.9	- 102	- 3.5
Criminal	1,545	1,327	2,010	1,838	1,381	1,323	1,045	989	2,137	1,586	1,469	1,092	104.5	597	60.4	592	38.3	259	19.5
Small Claims	1,585	1,646	1,921	1,493	2,184	1,563	2,506	2,007	2,831	2,900	2,257	325	13.0	893	44.5	1,246	78.6	1,254	76.2
Civil	785	1,006	755	637	768	512	795	491	970	1,186	849	175	22.0	695	141.5	185	23.6	180	17.9
Juvenile	1,178	1,150	1,242	961	1,246	949	1,355	1,009	1,279	1,127	1,708	- 76	- 5.6	118	11.7	101	8.6	- 23	- 2.0
Total	8,200	8,009	8,945	8,584	9,444	8,161	8,542	7,439	9,332	9,577	7,235	790	9.2	2,138	28.7	1,132	13.8	1,568	19.6
FAYETTE																			
Traffic	2,987	2,804	2,932	2,987	2,409	2,261	2,804	2,660	2,373	2,373	302	- 431	- 15.4	- 287	- 10.8	- 614	- 20.6	- 431	- 15.4
Criminal	892	943	792	834	866	837	953	918	1,030	858	469	77	8.1	- 60	- 6.5	138	15.5	- 85	- 9.0
Small Claims	445	445	509	522	406	442	439	418	452	430	53	13	3.0	12	2.9	7	1.6	- 15	- 3.4
Civil	98	101	82	68	64	69	63	65	63	55	15	0	0.0	- 10	- 15.4	- 35	- 35.7	- 46	- 45.5
Juvenile	112	103	177	171	176	153	257	297	332	369	121	75	29.2	72	24.2	220	196.4	266	258.3
Total	4,534	4,396	4,492	4,582	3,921	3,762	4,516	4,358	4,250	4,085	960	- 266	- 5.9	- 273	- 6.3	- 284	- 6.3	- 311	- 7.1

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	FY 1985		FY 1986		FY 1987		FY 1988		FY 1989		FY 1989	CHANGE FY 1988 - FY 1989				CHANGE FY 1985 - FY 1989			
	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	P	F #	F %	D #	D %	F #	F %	D #	D %
FRANKLIN																			
Traffic	2,671	2,694	2,983	2,747	3,154	2,955	3,056	3,149	3,375	3,470	356	319	10.4	321	10.2	704	26.4	776	28.8
Criminal	1,591	1,750	1,863	1,646	1,910	1,749	1,840	1,738	1,611	1,867	742	- 229	- 12.4	129	7.4	20	1.3	117	6.7
Small Claims	746	768	907	892	882	781	850	902	611	773	66	- 239	- 28.1	- 129	- 14.3	- 135	- 18.1	5	0.7
Civil	191	237	182	180	162	204	168	158	178	195	41	10	6.0	37	23.4	- 13	- 6.8	- 42	- 17.7
Juvenile	535	474	530	404	662	463	573	539	781	2,183	135	208	36.3	1,644	305.0	246	46.0	1,709	360.5
Total	5,734	5,923	6,465	5,869	6,770	6,152	6,487	6,486	6,556	8,488	1,340	69	1.1	2,002	30.9	822	14.3	2,565	43.3
GENEVA																			
Traffic	1,678	1,717	1,227	1,200	1,589	1,476	1,444	1,518	1,390	1,296	96	- 54	- 3.7	- 222	- 14.6	- 288	- 17.2	- 421	- 24.5
Criminal	1,256	1,135	1,296	1,212	1,018	890	825	696	1,106	1,050	143	281	34.1	354	50.9	- 150	- 11.9	- 85	- 7.5
Small Claims	712	587	890	943	909	929	907	939	812	831	156	- 95	- 10.5	- 108	- 11.5	100	14.0	244	41.6
Civil	96	90	98	112	106	99	131	130	145	144	41	14	10.7	14	10.8	49	51.0	54	60.0
Juvenile	320	304	327	332	304	294	368	326	539	449	173	171	46.5	123	37.7	219	68.4	145	47.7
Total	4,062	3,833	3,838	3,799	3,926	3,688	3,675	3,609	3,992	3,770	609	317	8.6	161	4.5	- 70	- 1.7	- 63	- 1.6
GREENE																			
Traffic	1,381	1,210	2,102	2,071	2,200	2,033	1,478	1,332	1,444	1,084	909	- 34	- 2.3	- 248	- 18.6	63	4.6	- 126	- 10.4
Criminal	424	324	411	339	434	331	419	272	419	261	253	0	0.0	- 11	- 4.0	- 5	- 1.2	- 63	- 19.4
Small Claims	162	149	159	140	144	129	177	139	179	151	58	2	1.1	12	8.6	17	10.5	2	1.3
Civil	46	51	38	28	122	88	52	62	69	49	52	17	32.7	- 13	- 21.0	23	50.0	- 2	- 3.9
Juvenile	225	123	179	135	138	98	133	356	85	64	85	- 48	- 36.1	- 292	- 82.0	- 140	- 62.2	- 59	- 48.0
Total	2,238	1,857	2,889	2,713	3,038	2,679	2,259	2,161	2,196	1,609	1,357	- 63	- 2.8	- 552	- 25.5	- 42	- 1.9	- 248	- 13.4

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	FY 1985		FY 1986		FY 1987		FY 1988		FY 1989		FY 1989	CHANGE FY 1988 - FY 1989				CHANGE FY 1985 - FY 1989			
	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	P	F #	F %	D #	D %	F #	F %	D #	D %
HALE																			
Traffic	1,436	1,396	1,680	1,519	1,617	1,471	1,699	1,556	1,340	1,373	368	- 359	- 21.1	- 183	- 11.8	- 96	- 6.7	- 23	- 1.6
Criminal	411	472	451	355	476	502	426	393	527	450	278	101	23.7	57	14.5	116	28.2	- 22	- 4.7
Small Claims	336	332	430	407	537	428	615	492	734	727	316	119	19.3	235	47.8	398	118.5	395	119.0
Civil	47	54	53	41	38	41	72	59	119	97	65	47	65.3	38	64.4	72	153.2	43	79.6
Juvenile	188	187	678	299	390	369	378	231	441	168	705	63	16.7	- 63	- 27.3	253	134.6	- 19	- 10.2
Total	2,418	2,441	3,292	2,621	3,058	2,811	3,190	2,731	3,161	2,815	1,732	- 29	- 0.9	84	3.1	743	30.7	374	15.3
HENRY																			
Traffic	1,097	1,005	2,052	1,780	2,601	2,191	3,434	3,454	4,265	4,260	330	831	24.2	806	23.3	3,168	288.8	3,255	323.9
Criminal	663	658	868	750	953	960	1,146	784	1,121	1,048	340	- 25	- 2.2	264	33.7	458	69.1	390	59.3
Small Claims	496	505	463	383	387	386	515	538	577	635	80	62	12.0	97	18.0	81	16.3	130	25.7
Civil	67	66	98	69	68	53	83	73	101	158	24	18	21.7	85	116.4	34	50.7	92	139.4
Juvenile	251	227	248	232	350	308	292	289	310	299	122	18	6.2	10	3.5	59	23.5	72	31.7
Total	2,574	2,461	3,729	3,214	4,359	3,898	5,470	5,138	6,374	6,400	896	904	16.5	1,262	24.6	3,800	147.6	3,939	160.1
HOUSTON																			
Traffic	5,448	5,352	6,539	6,239	7,537	6,849	5,500	5,510	4,960	5,448	698	- 540	- 9.8	- 62	- 1.1	- 488	- 9.0	96	1.8
Criminal	2,548	2,622	3,272	3,079	3,660	3,800	3,874	3,575	3,773	3,659	758	- 101	- 2.6	84	2.3	1,225	48.1	1,037	39.5
Small Claims	1,794	1,495	2,508	2,215	2,936	2,939	3,167	2,836	2,656	2,911	1,035	- 511	- 16.1	75	2.6	862	48.0	1,416	94.7
Civil	570	512	571	572	754	738	840	775	995	831	755	155	18.5	56	7.2	425	74.6	319	62.3
Juvenile	1,098	976	985	892	809	939	862	930	1,603	1,427	579	741	86.0	497	53.4	505	46.0	451	46.2
Total	11,458	10,957	13,875	12,997	15,696	15,265	14,243	13,626	13,987	14,276	3,825	- 256	- 1.8	650	4.8	2,529	22.1	3,319	30.3

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	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	P	F #	F %	D #	D %	F #	F %	D #	D %
JACKSON																			
Traffic	2,639	2,426	2,611	2,307	2,285	1,988	2,439	2,016	2,763	2,412	378	324	13.3	396	19.6	124	4.7	- 14	- 0.6
Criminal	1,510	1,255	1,804	1,295	2,132	2,213	2,635	2,315	2,472	2,665	760	- 163	- 6.2	350	15.1	962	63.7	1,410	112.4
Small Claims	781	694	1,019	892	999	1,735	1,142	1,311	928	940	344	- 214	- 18.7	- 371	- 28.3	147	18.8	246	35.4
Civil	243	216	174	164	218	404	222	174	273	256	180	51	23.0	82	47.1	30	12.3	40	18.5
Juvenile	857	742	898	814	895	819	1,117	1,221	1,066	929	426	- 51	- 4.6	- 292	- 23.9	209	24.4	187	25.2
Total	6,030	5,333	6,506	5,472	6,529	7,159	7,555	7,037	7,502	7,202	2,088	- 53	- 0.7	165	2.3	1,472	24.4	1,869	35.0
JEFFERSON																			
Traffic	20,630	20,309	21,533	18,736	20,865	20,820	18,906	19,049	16,492	18,350	1,622	- 2,414	- 12.8	- 699	- 3.7	- 4,138	- 20.1	- 1,959	- 9.6
Criminal	8,206	7,672	9,147	7,913	8,343	7,949	9,589	8,974	10,827	10,838	3,425	1,238	12.9	1,864	20.8	2,621	31.9	3,166	41.3
Small Claims	30,672	26,816	37,110	31,886	33,004	28,368	30,095	35,797	29,213	31,829	18,666	- 882	- 2.9	- 3,968	- 11.1	- 1,459	- 4.8	5,013	18.7
Civil	15,128	15,707	15,101	13,774	15,174	13,741	16,955	20,196	17,577	17,088	11,275	622	3.7	- 3,108	- 15.4	2,449	16.2	1,381	8.8
Juvenile	1,788	1,375	2,063	1,893	2,024	1,888	2,066	2,293	2,254	2,196	494	188	9.1	- 97	- 4.2	466	26.1	821	59.7
Total	76,424	71,879	84,954	74,202	79,410	72,766	77,611	86,309	76,363	80,301	35,482	- 1,248	- 1.6	- 6,008	- 7.0	- 61	- 0.1	8,422	11.7
BIRMINGHAM																			
Traffic	13,546	13,810	15,472	13,056	14,649	14,954	13,040	13,444	11,878	13,043	505	- 1,162	- 8.9	- 401	- 3.0	- 1,668	- 12.3	- 767	- 5.6
Criminal	5,596	5,165	6,252	5,577	5,998	5,321	6,926	6,361	8,276	7,664	2,146	1,350	19.5	1,303	20.5	2,680	47.9	2,499	48.4
Small Claims	28,147	23,981	34,545	29,251	30,440	25,987	27,484	33,289	26,328	29,468	16,895	- 1,156	- 4.2	- 3,821	- 11.5	- 1,819	- 6.5	5,487	22.9
Civil	13,862	14,143	14,105	12,713	14,192	12,815	15,913	19,153	16,385	16,000	10,700	472	3.0	- 3,153	- 16.5	2,523	18.2	1,857	13.1
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	61,151	57,099	70,374	60,597	65,279	59,077	63,363	72,247	62,867	66,175	30,246	- 496	- 0.8	- 6,072	- 8.4	1,716	2.8	9,076	15.9

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	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	P	F #	F %	D #	D %	F #	F %	D #	D %
BESSEMER																			
Traffic	7,084	6,499	6,061	5,680	6,216	5,866	5,866	5,605	4,614	5,307	1,117	-1,252	-21.3	- 298	- 5.3	-2,470	-34.9	-1,192	-18.3
Criminal	2,610	2,507	2,895	2,336	2,345	2,628	2,663	2,613	2,551	3,174	1,279	- 112	- 4.2	561	21.5	- 59	- 2.3	667	26.6
Small Claims	2,525	2,835	2,565	2,635	2,564	2,381	2,611	2,508	2,885	2,361	1,771	274	10.5	- 147	- 5.9	360	14.3	- 474	-16.7
Civil	1,266	1,564	996	1,061	982	926	1,042	1,043	1,192	1,088	575	150	14.4	45	4.3	- 74	- 5.8	- 476	-30.4
Juvenile	1,788	1,375	2,063	1,893	2,024	1,888	2,066	2,293	2,254	2,196	494	188	9.1	- 97	- 4.2	466	26.1	821	59.7
Total	15,273	14,780	14,580	13,605	14,131	13,689	14,248	14,062	13,496	14,126	5,236	- 752	- 5.3	64	0.5	-1,777	-11.6	- 654	- 4.4
LAMAR																			
Traffic	1,534	1,388	1,484	1,455	1,598	1,538	1,218	1,263	1,060	1,444	160	- 158	-13.0	181	14.3	- 474	-30.9	56	4.0
Criminal	787	730	772	697	819	820	831	817	745	922	103	- 86	-10.3	105	12.9	- 42	- 5.3	192	26.3
Small Claims	417	307	342	367	324	368	418	551	534	633	92	116	27.8	82	14.9	117	28.1	326	106.2
Civil	99	87	88	53	57	53	81	115	83	86	17	2	2.5	- 29	-25.2	- 16	-16.2	- 1	- 1.1
Juvenile	153	138	173	162	154	165	157	158	239	241	76	82	52.2	83	52.5	86	56.2	103	74.6
Total	2,990	2,650	2,859	2,734	2,952	2,944	2,705	2,904	2,661	3,326	448	- 44	- 1.6	422	14.5	- 329	-11.0	676	25.5
LAUDERDALE																			
Traffic	3,559	3,535	3,034	2,975	4,045	3,668	3,460	2,473	4,186	3,821	945	726	21.0	1,348	54.5	627	17.6	286	8.1
Criminal	1,539	1,619	1,362	1,227	1,330	1,115	1,304	1,034	1,201	964	536	- 103	- 7.9	- 70	- 6.8	- 338	-22.0	- 655	-40.5
Small Claims	1,482	1,454	1,885	1,618	1,994	1,824	1,609	1,604	1,595	1,967	328	- 14	- 0.9	363	22.6	113	7.6	513	35.3
Civil	524	553	444	495	466	386	473	423	461	501	283	- 12	- 2.5	78	18.4	- 63	-12.0	- 52	- 9.4
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	7,104	7,161	6,725	6,315	7,835	6,993	6,846	5,534	7,443	7,253	2,092	597	8.7	1,719	31.1	339	4.8	92	1.3

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	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	P	F #	F %	D #	D %	F #	F %	D #	D %
LAWRENCE																			
Traffic	1,350	1,298	1,181	1,078	3,300	2,941	4,125	3,661	2,243	2,295	686	-1,882	-45.6	-1,366	-37.3	893	66.1	997	76.8
Criminal	857	853	779	738	1,303	1,185	1,278	970	1,016	1,021	496	- 262	-20.5	51	5.3	159	18.6	168	19.7
Small Claims	411	403	479	437	565	611	504	475	640	636	107	136	27.0	161	33.9	229	55.7	233	57.8
Civil	118	124	131	124	197	185	144	152	184	160	76	40	27.8	8	5.3	66	55.9	36	29.0
Juvenile	231	297	295	241	307	321	376	390	340	358	167	- 36	- 9.6	- 32	- 8.2	109	47.2	61	20.5
Total	2,967	2,975	2,865	2,618	5,672	5,243	6,427	5,648	4,423	4,470	1,532	-2,004	-31.2	-1,178	-20.9	1,456	49.1	1,495	50.3
LEE																			
Traffic	5,613	6,889	6,276	5,516	4,834	6,208	3,529	4,055	6,095	5,617	764	2,566	72.7	1,562	38.5	482	8.6	-1,272	-18.5
Criminal	2,694	1,981	2,659	2,244	2,644	2,215	1,986	3,681	3,325	2,724	1,590	1,339	67.4	- 957	-26.0	631	23.4	743	37.5
Small Claims	1,660	1,240	2,744	2,429	2,188	2,217	2,128	2,055	2,367	2,322	1,334	239	11.2	267	13.0	707	42.6	1,082	87.3
Civil	668	584	560	536	576	618	596	567	601	603	311	5	0.8	36	6.3	- 67	-10.0	19	3.3
Juvenile	1,225	1,002	1,593	1,542	1,531	1,455	1,814	1,320	1,921	2,109	1,507	107	5.9	789	59.8	696	56.8	1,107	110.5
Total	11,860	11,696	13,832	12,267	11,773	12,713	10,053	11,678	14,309	13,375	5,506	4,256	42.3	1,697	14.5	2,449	20.6	1,679	14.4
LIMESTONE																			
Traffic	4,187	4,175	3,969	3,623	4,848	4,546	3,679	3,977	4,125	4,045	717	446	12.1	68	1.7	- 62	- 1.5	- 130	- 3.1
Criminal	2,448	2,245	2,445	2,262	3,158	2,954	3,340	3,122	3,796	3,587	808	456	13.7	465	14.9	1,348	55.1	1,342	59.8
Small Claims	846	586	977	1,145	1,089	832	1,024	1,035	1,049	1,058	530	25	2.4	23	2.2	203	24.0	472	80.5
Civil	156	134	223	278	239	200	226	218	290	304	95	64	28.3	86	39.4	134	85.9	170	126.9
Juvenile	368	317	391	468	527	495	381	354	382	396	169	1	0.3	42	11.9	14	3.8	79	24.9
Total	8,005	7,457	8,005	7,776	9,861	9,027	8,650	8,706	9,642	9,390	2,319	992	11.5	684	7.9	1,637	20.4	1,933	25.9

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LOWNDES																			
Traffic	1,764	1,661	2,146	1,764	2,356	2,083	2,443	2,314	2,093	1,900	93	- 350	- 14.3	- 414	- 17.9	329	18.7	239	14.4
Criminal	531	423	383	349	593	475	675	770	665	449	186	- 10	- 1.5	- 321	- 41.7	134	25.2	26	6.1
Small claims	143	151	200	168	228	226	270	271	233	188	49	- 37	- 13.7	- 83	- 30.6	90	62.9	37	24.5
Civil	35	37	41	44	52	45	69	63	99	88	35	30	43.5	25	39.7	64	182.9	51	137.8
Juvenile	396	282	447	296	327	250	367	279	246	196	45	- 121	- 33.0	- 83	- 29.7	- 150	- 37.9	- 86	- 30.5
Total	2,869	2,554	3,217	2,621	3,556	3,079	3,824	3,697	3,336	2,821	408	- 488	- 12.8	- 876	- 23.7	467	16.3	267	10.5
MACON																			
Traffic	3,403	3,029	3,555	3,009	3,602	3,406	3,349	3,082	4,350	3,904	740	1,001	29.9	822	26.7	947	27.8	875	28.9
Criminal	1,290	1,137	1,523	1,432	939	1,020	754	760	618	581	120	- 136	- 18.0	- 179	- 23.6	- 672	- 52.1	- 556	- 48.9
Small Claims	596	563	718	624	729	744	738	618	585	595	240	- 153	- 20.7	- 23	- 3.7	- 11	- 1.8	32	5.7
Civil	251	238	233	202	221	243	288	233	263	199	172	- 25	- 8.7	- 34	- 14.6	12	4.8	- 39	- 16.4
Juvenile	331	331	287	287	305	305	400	400	313	313	7	- 87	- 21.8	- 87	- 21.8	- 18	- 5.4	- 18	- 5.4
Total	5,871	5,298	6,316	5,554	5,796	5,718	5,529	5,093	6,129	5,592	1,279	600	10.9	499	9.8	258	4.4	294	5.5
MADISON																			
Traffic	4,728	4,787	5,795	6,069	7,149	6,957	5,993	5,693	9,322	8,927	2,236	3,329	55.5	3,234	56.8	4,594	97.2	4,140	86.5
Criminal	3,866	3,663	4,993	5,364	4,572	5,276	4,413	4,210	7,716	6,946	1,443	3,303	74.8	2,736	65.0	3,850	99.6	3,283	89.6
Small Claims	4,121	3,657	5,756	5,099	5,798	5,407	6,030	6,160	6,057	5,521	2,085	27	0.4	- 639	- 10.4	1,936	47.0	1,864	51.0
Civil	2,275	2,288	2,855	2,583	2,989	2,836	2,907	2,871	3,147	2,929	1,051	240	8.3	58	2.0	872	38.3	641	28.0
Juvenile	2,848	2,925	2,463	2,624	2,933	2,784	2,372	2,607	2,471	2,455	792	99	4.2	- 152	- 5.8	- 377	- 13.2	- 470	- 16.1
Total	17,838	17,320	21,862	21,739	23,441	23,260	21,715	21,541	28,713	26,778	7,607	6,998	32.2	5,237	24.3	10,875	61.0	9,458	54.6

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MARENGO																			
Traffic	2,353	2,507	2,899	2,877	2,378	2,407	2,270	2,427	2,492	2,357	340	222	9.8	- 70	- 2.9	139	5.9	- 150	- 6.0
Criminal	775	772	860	793	914	924	951	857	910	894	299	- 41	- 4.3	37	4.3	135	17.4	122	15.8
Small Claims	473	463	558	569	694	680	727	689	696	664	50	- 31	- 4.3	- 25	- 3.6	223	47.1	201	43.4
Civil	107	131	106	108	119	118	161	136	143	119	37	- 18	-11.2	- 17	-12.5	36	33.6	- 12	- 9.2
Juvenile	560	795	422	259	470	375	221	169	409	404	338	188	85.1	235	139.1	- 151	-27.0	- 391	-49.2
Total	4,268	4,668	4,845	4,606	4,575	4,504	4,330	4,278	4,650	4,438	1,064	320	7.4	160	3.7	382	9.0	- 230	- 4.9
MARION																			
Traffic	1,360	1,312	1,633	1,354	2,435	2,056	1,955	1,941	2,033	1,462	456	78	4.0	- 479	-24.7	673	49.5	150	11.4
Criminal	879	1,110	782	477	803	649	940	618	871	507	1,286	- 69	- 7.3	- 111	-18.0	- 8	- 0.9	- 603	-54.3
Small Claims	415	279	392	290	592	411	676	475	760	549	1,136	84	12.4	74	15.6	345	83.1	270	96.8
Civil	180	122	129	104	218	199	274	192	222	150	697	- 52	-19.0	- 42	-21.9	42	23.3	28	23.0
Juvenile	240	123	244	146	235	152	215	167	226	137	295	11	5.1	- 30	-18.0	- 14	- 5.8	14	11.4
Total	3,074	2,946	3,180	2,371	4,283	3,467	4,060	3,393	4,112	2,805	3,870	52	1.3	- 588	-17.3	1,038	33.8	- 141	- 4.8
MARSHALL																			
Traffic	2,120	1,698	2,745	2,781	4,029	3,722	3,097	3,234	3,883	3,576	807	786	25.4	342	10.6	1,763	83.2	1,878	110.6
Criminal	2,122	1,906	2,537	2,378	2,481	2,582	2,454	2,458	2,457	2,545	366	3	0.1	87	3.5	335	15.8	639	33.5
Small Claims	1,246	1,096	1,370	1,636	1,478	1,518	1,948	1,803	1,968	2,158	453	20	1.0	355	19.7	722	57.9	1,062	96.9
Civil	432	471	405	628	438	449	498	521	518	488	175	20	4.0	- 33	- 6.3	86	19.9	17	3.6
Juvenile	743	794	576	640	639	725	713	614	969	750	505	256	35.9	136	22.1	226	30.4	- 44	- 5.5
Total	6,663	5,965	7,633	8,063	9,065	8,996	8,710	8,630	9,795	9,517	2,306	1,085	12.5	887	10.3	3,132	47.0	3,552	59.5

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GUNTERSVILLE																			
Traffic	1,479	1,076	2,013	2,138	2,899	2,658	1,945	2,129	2,015	1,890	413	70	3.6	- 239	- 11.2	536	36.2	814	75.7
Criminal	1,220	1,088	1,346	1,289	1,413	1,394	1,520	1,435	1,397	1,464	259	- 123	- 8.1	29	2.0	177	14.5	376	34.6
Small Claims	546	516	660	723	705	636	930	880	949	1,092	230	19	2.0	212	24.1	403	73.8	576	111.6
Civil	188	184	205	281	257	204	305	309	322	309	118	17	5.6	0	0.0	134	71.3	125	67.9
Juvenile	743	794	576	640	639	725	713	614	969	750	505	256	35.9	136	22.1	226	30.4	- 44	- 5.5
Total	4,176	3,658	4,800	5,071	5,913	5,617	5,413	5,367	5,652	5,505	1,525	239	4.4	138	2.6	1,476	35.3	1,847	50.5
ALBERTVILLE																			
Traffic	641	622	732	643	1,130	1,064	1,152	1,105	1,868	1,686	394	716	62.2	581	52.6	1,227	191.4	1,064	171.1
Criminal	902	818	1,191	1,089	1,068	1,188	934	1,023	1,060	1,081	107	126	13.5	58	5.7	158	17.5	263	32.2
Small Claims	700	580	710	913	773	882	1,018	923	1,019	1,066	223	1	0.1	143	15.5	319	45.6	486	83.8
Civil	244	287	200	347	181	245	193	212	196	179	57	3	1.6	- 33	- 15.6	- 48	- 19.7	- 108	- 37.6
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	2,487	2,307	2,833	2,992	3,152	3,379	3,297	3,263	4,143	4,012	781	846	25.7	749	23.0	1,656	66.6	1,705	73.9
MOBILE																			
Traffic	11,002	10,709	12,284	11,300	11,750	12,076	13,805	13,769	13,215	12,232	2,707	- 590	- 4.3	- 1,537	- 11.2	2,213	20.1	1,523	14.2
Criminal	8,843	9,249	9,456	8,919	10,082	9,484	10,536	10,138	11,383	13,670	455	847	8.0	3,532	34.8	2,540	28.7	4,421	47.8
Small Claims	6,456	5,720	7,767	6,694	8,454	6,795	7,937	5,939	8,186	6,323	10,223	249	3.1	384	6.5	1,730	26.8	603	10.5
Civil	7,219	8,387	7,029	6,614	6,968	6,370	6,329	5,676	6,337	6,100	4,394	8	0.1	424	7.5	- 882	- 12.2	- 2,287	- 27.3
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	33,520	34,065	36,536	33,527	37,254	34,725	36,607	35,522	39,121	38,325	17,779	514	1.3	2,803	7.9	5,601	16.7	4,260	12.5

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MONROE																			
Traffic	1,154	1,152	1,470	1,545	1,633	1,564	1,510	1,779	1,957	1,841	203	447	29.6	62	3.5	803	69.6	689	59.8
Criminal	888	1,114	870	795	908	881	1,036	934	1,079	1,004	349	43	4.2	70	7.5	191	21.5	- 110	- 9.9
Small Claims	743	805	787	759	678	771	918	724	853	715	334	- 65	- 7.1	- 9	- 1.2	110	14.8	- 90	- 11.2
Civil	119	229	151	137	123	159	164	96	213	269	140	49	29.9	173	180.2	94	79.0	40	17.5
Juvenile	333	446	248	293	269	247	222	232	348	311	153	126	56.8	79	34.1	15	4.5	- 135	- 30.3
Total	3,237	3,746	3,526	3,529	3,611	3,622	3,850	3,765	4,450	4,140	1,179	600	15.6	375	10.0	1,213	37.5	394	10.5
MONTGOMERY																			
Traffic	8,408	9,037	8,442	8,805	9,559	8,986	9,675	9,738	14,078	13,476	2,948	4,403	45.5	3,738	38.4	5,670	67.4	4,439	49.1
Criminal	5,194	4,572	5,580	5,063	5,872	4,136	7,384	5,652	5,533	3,837	7,534	- 1,851	- 25.1	- 1,815	- 32.1	339	6.5	- 735	- 16.1
Small Claims	4,328	4,193	4,733	5,078	4,532	5,160	5,101	6,176	4,547	5,168	2,496	- 554	- 10.9	- 1,008	- 16.3	219	5.1	975	23.3
Civil	3,342	3,312	3,039	3,370	3,588	4,002	3,934	4,465	4,620	5,030	563	686	17.4	565	12.7	1,278	38.2	1,718	51.9
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	21,272	21,114	21,794	22,316	23,551	22,284	26,094	26,031	28,778	27,511	13,541	2,684	10.3	1,480	5.7	7,506	35.3	6,397	30.3
MORGAN																			
Traffic	4,286	4,810	4,461	4,337	6,117	5,809	4,696	4,889	4,829	5,131	724	133	2.8	242	4.9	543	12.7	321	6.7
Criminal	2,297	2,272	3,068	2,494	3,136	2,613	3,997	3,105	4,049	4,716	1,687	52	1.3	1,611	51.9	1,752	76.3	2,444	107.6
Small Claims	1,337	1,283	1,667	1,619	1,761	1,725	2,129	2,022	2,113	2,319	106	- 16	- 0.8	297	14.7	776	58.0	1,036	80.7
Civil	539	616	630	601	678	653	958	780	835	950	151	- 123	- 12.8	170	21.8	296	54.9	334	54.2
Juvenile	1,074	1,134	1,266	1,118	1,325	1,514	1,467	1,288	1,025	1,162	416	- 442	- 30.1	- 126	- 9.8	- 49	- 4.6	28	2.5
Total	9,533	10,115	11,092	10,169	13,017	12,314	13,247	12,084	12,851	14,278	3,084	- 396	- 3.0	2,194	18.2	3,318	34.8	4,163	41.2

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PERRY																			
Traffic	921	846	1,042	991	1,196	1,130	1,032	1,034	1,394	1,249	381	362	35.1	215	20.8	473	51.4	403	47.6
Criminal	358	360	338	316	641	551	751	753	752	723	175	1	0.1	- 30	- 4.0	394	110.1	363	100.8
Small Claims	252	239	206	215	275	265	348	300	292	292	77	- 56	- 16.1	- 8	- 2.7	40	15.9	53	22.2
CIvil	60	61	52	57	63	51	70	67	84	58	31	14	20.0	- 9	- 13.4	24	40.0	- 3	- 4.9
Juvenile	410	382	413	360	608	626	293	326	402	306	175	109	37.2	- 20	- 6.1	- 8	- 2.0	- 76	- 19.9
Total	2,001	1,888	2,051	1,939	2,783	2,623	2,494	2,480	2,924	2,628	839	430	17.2	148	6.0	923	46.1	740	39.2
PICKENS																			
Traffic	841	740	924	810	1,620	1,712	2,145	1,930	1,844	1,726	321	- 301	- 14.0	- 204	- 10.6	1,003	119.3	986	133.2
Criminal	287	292	342	375	581	572	561	470	656	620	162	95	16.9	150	31.9	369	128.6	328	112.3
Small Claims	210	196	326	273	280	387	432	424	556	529	99	124	28.7	105	24.8	346	164.8	333	169.9
Civil	69	80	109	99	82	112	116	107	138	130	43	22	19.0	23	21.5	69	100.0	50	62.5
Juvenile	66	55	14	13	216	189	223	235	378	435	83	155	69.5	200	85.1	312	472.7	380	690.9
Total	1,473	1,363	1,715	1,570	2,779	2,972	3,477	3,166	3,572	3,440	708	95	2.7	274	8.7	2,099	142.5	2,077	152.4
PIKE																			
Traffic	2,434	2,225	2,492	2,226	3,103	2,827	3,588	3,405	4,128	3,813	489	540	15.1	408	12.0	1,694	69.6	1,588	71.4
Criminal	722	776	1,008	908	1,187	1,182	1,011	975	1,255	1,096	168	244	24.1	121	12.4	533	73.8	320	41.2
Small Claims	408	370	401	414	762	713	735	716	681	637	132	- 54	- 7.3	- 79	- 11.0	273	66.9	267	72.2
Civil	169	180	117	115	130	115	177	158	185	191	54	8	4.5	33	20.9	16	9.5	11	6.1
Juvenile	575	569	606	561	812	658	675	654	670	606	289	- 5	- 0.7	- 48	- 7.3	95	16.5	37	6.5
Total	4,308	4,120	4,624	4,224	5,994	5,495	6,186	5,908	6,919	6,343	1,132	733	11.8	435	7.4	2,611	60.6	2,223	54.0

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RANDOLPH																			
Traffic	417	397	699	700	816	737	1,031	1,034	1,436	1,395	139	405	39.3	361	34.9	1,019	244.4	998	251.4
Criminal	531	632	526	751	558	566	697	652	891	1,017	109	194	27.8	365	56.0	360	67.8	385	60.9
Small Claims	612	613	941	898	885	869	799	832	797	824	92	- 2	- 0.3	- 8	- 1.0	185	30.2	211	34.4
Civil	83	110	138	96	116	102	128	158	153	148	36	25	19.5	- 10	- 6.3	70	84.3	38	34.5
Juvenile	226	167	216	197	150	159	161	151	394	305	175	233	144.7	154	102.0	168	74.3	138	82.6
Total	1,869	1,919	2,520	2,642	2,525	2,433	2,816	2,827	3,671	3,689	551	855	30.4	862	30.5	1,802	96.4	1,770	92.2
RUSSELL																			
Traffic	4,076	3,808	3,674	3,712	3,997	4,111	4,561	4,832	4,745	4,725	349	184	4.0	- 107	- 2.2	669	16.4	917	24.1
Criminal	1,470	1,389	1,370	1,351	1,308	1,423	1,190	1,176	1,556	1,473	172	366	30.8	299	25.5	86	5.9	84	6.0
Small Claims	1,078	1,043	1,274	1,244	1,110	1,153	1,434	1,384	1,368	1,351	187	- 66	- 4.6	- 33	- 2.4	290	26.9	308	29.5
Civil	220	226	259	241	257	271	303	288	367	340	64	64	21.1	52	18.1	147	66.8	114	50.4
Juvenile	1,332	1,218	1,184	1,196	1,086	1,166	923	920	890	955	185	- 33	- 3.6	35	3.8	- 442	- 33.2	- 263	- 21.6
Total	8,176	7,684	7,761	7,744	7,758	8,124	8,411	8,598	8,926	8,844	957	515	6.1	246	2.9	750	9.2	1,160	15.1
ST. CLAIR																			
Traffic	3,173	2,977	2,823	2,596	2,661	2,443	2,620	2,334	2,823	2,817	512	203	7.7	483	20.7	- 350	- 11.0	- 160	- 5.4
Criminal	1,783	1,671	1,644	1,564	1,540	1,325	1,959	1,601	1,589	1,665	510	- 370	- 18.9	64	4.0	- 194	- 10.9	- 6	- 0.4
Small Claims	397	371	413	403	525	487	622	628	508	589	126	- 114	- 18.3	- 39	- 6.2	111	28.0	218	58.8
Civil	275	268	198	189	231	247	268	279	328	319	139	60	22.4	40	14.3	53	19.3	51	19.0
Juvenile	188	179	213	207	183	194	240	232	248	247	90	8	3.3	15	6.5	60	31.9	68	38.0
Total	5,816	5,466	5,291	4,959	5,140	4,696	5,709	5,074	5,496	5,637	1,377	- 213	- 3.7	563	11.1	- 320	- 5.5	171	3.1

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	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	F	D	P	F #	F %	D #	D %	F #	F %	D #	D %
ASHVILLE																			
Traffic	1,572	1,555	1,239	1,096	1,079	1,009	1,259	1,107	1,399	1,297	100	140	11.1	190	17.2	- 173	- 11.0	- 258	- 16.6
Criminal	626	567	556	561	416	379	600	534	435	451	160	- 165	- 27.5	- 83	- 15.5	- 191	- 30.5	- 116	- 20.5
Small Claims	129	131	127	117	169	162	224	197	167	208	36	- 57	- 25.4	11	5.6	38	29.5	77	58.8
Civil	74	85	77	71	88	85	91	86	109	121	41	18	19.8	35	40.7	35	47.3	36	42.4
Juvenile	79	79	81	80	45	51	94	74	67	69	25	- 27	- 28.7	- 5	- 6.8	- 12	- 15.2	- 10	- 12.7
Total	2,480	2,417	2,080	1,925	1,797	1,686	2,268	1,998	2,177	2,146	362	- 91	- 4.0	148	7.4	- 303	- 12.2	- 271	- 11.2
PELL CITY																			
Traffic	1,601	1,422	1,584	1,500	1,582	1,434	1,361	1,227	1,424	1,520	412	63	4.6	293	23.9	- 177	- 11.1	98	6.9
Criminal	1,157	1,104	1,088	1,003	1,124	946	1,359	1,067	1,154	1,214	350	- 205	- 15.1	147	13.8	- 3	- 0.3	110	10.0
Small Claims	268	240	286	286	356	325	398	431	341	381	90	- 57	- 14.3	- 50	- 11.6	73	27.2	141	58.8
Civil	201	183	121	118	143	162	177	193	219	198	98	42	23.7	5	2.6	18	9.0	15	8.2
Juvenile	109	100	132	127	138	143	146	158	181	178	65	35	24.0	20	12.7	72	66.1	78	78.0
Total	3,336	3,049	3,211	3,034	3,343	3,010	3,441	3,076	3,319	3,491	1,015	- 122	- 3.5	415	13.5	- 17	- 0.5	442	14.5
SHELBY																			
Traffic	3,251	3,082	4,579	4,159	4,697	4,339	3,991	5,133	3,892	4,040	93	- 99	- 2.5	- 1,093	- 21.3	641	19.7	958	31.1
Criminal	2,056	1,803	2,472	2,310	2,744	2,705	2,392	2,227	2,424	2,357	797	32	1.3	130	5.8	368	17.9	554	30.7
Small Claims	2,283	1,800	3,534	3,140	3,483	3,507	2,841	3,036	2,485	2,511	1,295	- 356	- 12.5	- 525	- 17.3	202	8.8	711	39.5
Civil	799	805	1,120	937	1,188	991	1,053	1,203	1,022	1,139	752	- 31	- 2.9	- 64	- 5.3	223	27.9	334	41.5
Juvenile	1,613	1,278	790	839	726	765	959	778	1,054	797	696	95	9.9	19	2.4	- 559	- 34.7	- 481	- 37.6
Total	10,002	8,768	12,495	11,385	12,838	12,307	11,236	12,377	10,877	10,844	3,633	- 359	- 3.2	- 1,533	- 12.4	875	8.7	2,076	23.7

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SUMTER																			
Traffic	1,629	1,431	2,255	1,818	2,017	1,616	2,358	2,056	2,045	2,429	350	- 313	- 13.3	373	18.1	416	25.5	998	69.7
Criminal	759	507	760	602	787	539	857	709	1,088	981	107	231	27.0	272	38.4	329	43.3	474	93.5
Small Claims	504	485	567	556	554	523	404	390	343	289	54	- 61	- 15.1	- 101	- 25.9	- 161	- 31.9	- 196	- 40.4
Civil	83	71	58	56	53	52	50	53	75	51	61	25	50.0	- 2	- 3.8	- 8	- 9.6	- 20	- 28.2
Juvenile	361	467	524	520	543	447	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	- 361	-100.0	- 467	-100.0
Total	3,336	2,961	4,164	3,552	3,954	3,177	3,669	3,208	3,551	3,750	572	- 118	- 3.2	542	16.9	215	6.4	789	26.6
TALLADEGA																			
Traffic	2,381	2,463	3,104	2,658	4,419	3,960	4,453	4,225	5,012	6,060	1,939	559	12.6	1,835	43.4	2,631	110.5	3,597	146.0
Criminal	1,223	1,279	1,296	1,209	1,518	1,407	1,282	1,456	1,316	1,211	418	34	2.7	- 245	- 16.8	93	7.6	- 68	- 5.3
Small Claims	1,834	1,830	1,658	1,853	2,719	2,301	2,032	2,221	2,067	1,991	1,087	35	1.7	- 230	- 10.4	233	12.7	161	8.8
Civil	501	532	385	438	584	547	470	489	523	516	306	53	11.3	27	5.5	22	4.4	- 16	- 3.0
Juvenile	1,145	1,035	1,306	1,231	1,218	1,052	1,293	1,097	1,332	1,124	765	39	3.0	27	2.5	187	16.3	89	8.6
Total	7,084	7,139	7,749	7,389	10,458	9,267	9,530	9,488	10,250	10,902	4,515	720	7.6	1,414	14.9	3,166	44.7	3,763	52.7
SOUTHERN																			
Traffic	1,058	1,035	1,076	1,005	1,233	1,241	1,310	1,259	1,347	1,332	155	37	2.8	73	5.8	289	27.3	297	28.7
Criminal	582	602	617	599	613	589	621	629	655	614	233	34	5.5	- 15	- 2.4	73	12.5	12	2.0
Small Claims	1,314	1,406	681	1,247	1,912	1,481	1,346	1,542	1,257	1,198	546	- 89	- 6.6	- 344	- 22.3	- 57	- 4.3	- 208	- 14.8
Civil	257	306	133	204	222	187	174	198	229	166	160	55	31.6	- 32	- 16.2	- 28	- 10.9	- 140	- 45.8
Juvenile	449	360	531	436	425	438	489	415	568	450	273	79	16.2	35	8.4	119	26.5	90	25.0
Total	3,660	3,709	3,038	3,491	4,405	3,936	3,940	4,043	4,056	3,760	1,367	116	2.9	- 283	- 7.0	396	10.8	51	1.4

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NORTHERN																			
Traffic	1,323	1,428	2,028	1,653	3,186	2,719	3,143	2,966	3,665	4,728	1,784	522	16.6	1,762	59.4	2,342	177.0	3,300	231.1
Criminal	641	677	679	610	905	818	661	827	661	597	185	0	0.0	- 230	- 27.8	20	3.1	- 80	- 11.8
Small Claims	520	424	977	606	807	820	686	679	810	793	541	124	18.1	114	16.8	290	55.8	369	87.0
Civil	244	226	252	234	362	360	296	291	294	350	146	- 2	- 0.7	59	20.3	50	20.5	124	54.9
Juvenile	696	675	775	795	793	614	804	682	764	674	492	- 40	- 5.0	- 8	- 1.2	68	9.8	- 1	- 0.1
Total	3,424	3,430	4,711	3,898	6,053	5,331	5,590	5,445	6,194	7,142	3,148	604	10.8	1,697	31.2	2,770	80.9	3,712	108.2
TALLAPOOSA																			
Traffic	3,141	2,758	3,811	3,590	4,372	3,874	3,396	3,809	2,343	2,326	611	- 1,053	- 31.0	- 1,483	- 38.9	- 798	- 25.4	- 432	- 15.7
Criminal	1,811	1,933	1,724	1,837	1,770	1,744	1,852	1,767	2,027	2,007	370	175	9.4	240	13.6	216	11.9	74	3.8
Small Claims	1,119	1,055	1,398	1,358	1,379	1,402	1,452	1,317	1,558	1,687	274	106	7.3	370	28.1	439	39.2	632	59.9
Civil	308	292	377	369	396	409	399	425	414	362	109	15	3.8	- 63	- 14.8	106	34.4	70	24.0
Juvenile	294	253	421	375	297	244	245	174	586	462	234	341	139.2	288	165.5	292	99.3	209	82.6
Total	6,673	6,291	7,731	7,529	8,214	7,673	7,344	7,492	6,928	6,844	1,598	- 416	- 5.7	- 648	- 8.6	255	3.8	553	8.8
DADEVILLE																			
Traffic	1,925	1,834	1,928	1,884	2,434	2,193	1,844	2,012	1,243	1,201	241	- 601	- 32.6	- 811	- 40.3	- 682	- 35.4	- 633	- 34.5
Criminal	809	777	763	831	774	734	705	729	808	747	175	103	14.6	18	2.5	- 1	- 0.1	- 30	- 3.9
Small Claims	639	561	708	736	590	615	568	529	668	671	76	100	17.6	142	26.8	29	4.5	110	19.6
Civil	96	73	72	98	56	57	65	55	79	74	24	14	21.5	19	34.5	- 17	- 17.7	1	1.4
Juvenile	197	173	236	218	140	155	153	121	359	289	132	206	134.6	168	138.8	162	82.2	116	67.1
Total	3,666	3,418	3,707	3,767	3,994	3,754	3,335	3,446	3,157	2,932	648	- 178	- 5.3	- 464	- 13.5	- 509	- 13.9	- 436	- 12.8

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ALEXANDER CITY																			
Traffic	1,216	924	1,883	1,706	1,938	1,381	1,552	1,797	1,100	1,125	370	- 452	- 29.1	- 672	- 37.4	- 116	- 9.5	201	21.8
Criminal	1,002	1,156	961	1,006	996	1,010	1,147	1,038	1,219	1,260	195	72	6.3	222	21.4	217	21.7	104	9.0
Small Claims	480	494	690	622	789	787	884	788	890	1,016	198	6	0.7	228	28.9	410	85.4	522	105.7
Civil	212	219	305	271	340	352	334	370	335	288	85	1	0.3	- 82	- 22.2	123	58.0	69	31.5
Juvenile	97	80	185	157	157	89	92	53	227	173	102	135	146.7	120	226.4	130	134.0	93	116.3
Total	3,007	2,873	4,024	3,762	4,220	3,919	4,009	4,046	3,771	3,862	950	- 238	- 5.9	- 184	- 4.5	764	25.4	989	34.4
TUSCALOOSA																			
Traffic	8,728	8,860	7,931	7,373	9,651	9,879	9,415	9,348	9,032	11,598	2,261	- 383	- 4.1	2,250	24.1	304	3.5	2,738	30.9
Criminal	3,069	3,271	4,975	4,508	5,449	5,639	6,062	5,840	6,247	6,001	1,599	185	3.1	161	2.8	3,178	103.6	2,730	83.5
Small Claims	3,748	3,446	5,660	5,085	4,396	4,483	4,683	4,910	4,036	4,284	916	- 647	- 13.8	- 626	- 12.7	288	7.7	838	24.3
Civil	1,423	1,569	1,641	1,482	1,476	1,548	1,284	1,342	1,555	1,431	502	271	21.1	89	6.6	132	9.3	- 138	- 8.8
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	16,968	17,146	20,207	18,448	20,972	21,549	21,444	21,440	20,870	23,314	5,278	- 574	- 2.7	1,874	8.7	3,902	23.0	6,168	36.0
WALKER																			
Traffic	4,102	4,068	4,229	4,097	4,379	4,186	4,947	4,735	3,576	4,262	235	- 1,371	- 27.7	- 473	- 10.0	- 526	- 12.8	194	4.8
Criminal	1,489	1,447	1,690	1,729	1,450	1,388	1,554	1,478	1,913	1,786	108	359	23.1	308	20.8	424	28.5	339	23.4
Small Claims	964	830	1,130	1,304	1,322	1,195	1,348	1,251	1,368	1,289	298	20	1.5	38	3.0	404	41.9	459	55.3
Civil	356	322	402	416	440	391	422	500	457	400	225	35	8.3	- 100	- 20.0	101	28.4	78	24.2
Juvenile	295	200	240	171	243	131	224	150	840	1,677	102	616	275.0	1,527	1,018.0	545	184.7	1,477	738.5
Total	7,206	6,867	7,691	7,717	7,834	7,291	8,495	8,114	8,154	9,414	968	- 341	- 4.0	1,300	16.0	948	13.2	2,547	37.1

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WASHINGTON																			
Traffic	1,379	1,224	2,213	1,803	2,116	1,668	1,692	1,609	1,817	1,976	231	125	7.4	367	22.8	438	31.8	752	61.4
Criminal	552	594	543	553	639	563	504	548	598	602	561	94	18.7	54	9.9	46	8.3	8	1.3
Small Claims	267	270	294	247	260	235	302	290	302	255	138	0	0.0	- 35	- 12.1	35	13.1	- 15	- 5.6
Civil	99	114	97	106	119	98	91	100	124	100	54	33	36.3	0	0.0	25	25.3	- 14	- 12.3
Juvenile	204	118	204	179	199	253	215	170	228	239	76	13	6.0	69	40.6	24	11.8	121	102.5
Total	2,501	2,320	3,351	2,888	3,333	2,817	2,804	2,717	3,069	3,172	1,060	265	9.5	455	16.7	568	22.7	852	36.7
WILCOX																			
Traffic	1,923	1,812	2,441	2,139	2,151	2,051	2,016	1,976	1,371	1,198	104	- 645	- 32.0	- 778	- 39.4	- 552	- 28.7	- 614	- 33.9
Criminal	457	519	501	482	597	561	598	849	623	637	102	25	4.2	- 212	- 25.0	166	36.3	118	22.7
Small Claims	203	168	211	223	224	183	256	298	279	283	36	23	9.0	- 15	- 5.0	76	37.4	115	68.5
Civil	45	91	41	42	47	51	48	48	74	83	27	26	54.2	35	72.9	29	64.4	- 8	- 8.8
Juvenile	141	135	230	362	424	286	452	323	277	284	64	- 175	- 38.7	- 39	- 12.1	136	96.5	149	110.4
Total	2,769	2,725	3,424	3,248	3,443	3,132	3,370	3,494	2,624	2,485	333	- 746	- 22.1	- 1,009	- 28.9	- 145	- 5.2	- 240	- 8.8
WINSTON																			
Traffic	937	995	738	699	1,303	1,077	1,497	1,460	735	727	103	- 762	- 50.9	- 733	- 50.2	- 202	- 21.6	- 268	- 26.9
Criminal	693	738	599	590	861	811	659	679	759	758	303	100	15.2	79	11.6	66	9.5	20	2.7
Small Claims	185	173	724	620	952	871	948	890	1,244	1,186	272	296	31.2	296	33.3	1,059	572.4	1,013	585.5
Civil	106	87	112	98	116	101	112	129	135	142	116	23	20.5	13	10.1	29	27.4	55	63.2
Juvenile	123	128	59	84	99	50	89	71	124	86	100	35	39.3	15	21.1	1	0.8	- 42	- 32.8
Total	2,044	2,121	2,232	2,091	3,331	2,910	3,305	3,229	2,997	2,899	894	- 308	- 9.3	- 330	- 10.2	953	46.6	778	36.7

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STATE TOTALS																			
Traffic	211,123	206,911	236,628	219,604	266,652	250,622	250,547	248,046	255,945	261,145	45,071	5,398	2.2	13,099	5.3	44,822	21.2	54,234	26.2
Criminal	98,087	95,334	109,629	101,819	113,023	106,504	118,373	109,866	130,477	125,675	43,527	12,104	10.2	15,809	14.4	32,390	33.0	30,341	31.8
Small Claims	94,594	84,972	115,203	105,099	113,658	106,064	112,413	115,746	111,244	113,992	54,516	- 1,169	- 1.0	- 1,754	- 1.5	16,650	17.6	29,020	34.2
Civil	44,326	46,217	44,492	42,076	45,980	43,549	47,459	49,986	50,659	50,130	27,981	3,200	6.7	144	0.3	6,333	14.3	3,913	8.5
Juvenile	32,222	29,461	31,892	29,498	32,787	30,779	33,865	31,681	38,748	38,346	18,784	4,883	14.4	6,665	21.0	6,526	20.3	8,885	30.2
Total	480,352	462,895	537,844	498,096	572,100	537,518	562,657	555,325	587,073	589,288	189,879	24,416	4.3	33,963	6.1	106,721	22.2	126,393	27.3

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